

Kayne Anderson Energy Total Return Fund, Inc. Announces its Dividend Reinvestment Price

HOUSTON, TX – January 9, 2009 – Kayne Anderson Energy Total Return Fund, Inc. (the “Fund”) (NYSE: KYE) announced today that it intends to satisfy the provisions under the Fund’s Dividend Reinvestment Plan by purchasing shares of common stock on the open market at prevailing prices, plus applicable brokerage commissions. The Fund is purchasing shares of common stock on the open market because the Fund’s net asset value per share on January 8, 2009 was \$14.08 per share, which was in excess of the closing market price of the Fund’s common stock of \$14.00 per share on such date.

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The Fund is a non-diversified, closed-end management investment company registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940 whose common stock is traded on the NYSE. The Fund’s investment objective is to obtain a high total return with an emphasis on current income by investing primarily in securities of companies engaged in the energy industry, principally including publicly-traded energy-related master limited partnerships and limited liability companies taxed as partnerships and their affiliates, energy-related U.S. and Canadian royalty trusts and income trusts and other companies that derive at least 50% of their revenues from operating assets used in, or providing energy-related services for, the exploration, development, production, gathering, transportation, processing, storing, refining, distribution, mining or marketing of natural gas, natural gas liquids (including propane), crude oil, refined petroleum products or coal.

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