Flaherty & Crumrine PREFERRED INCOME OPPORTUNITY FUND INC Form N-30B-2

April 24, 2007

FLAHERTY & CRUMRINE PREFERRED INCOME OPPORTUNITY FUND

To the Shareholders of the Flaherty & Crumrine Preferred Income Opportunity Fund ("PFO"):

During the Fund's first fiscal quarter ended February 28, 2007, the Fund performed well in choppy, but ultimately little-changed, fixed-income markets by earning a total return of 1.6% on its net asset value (NAV). These three months saw the Fund continue its recent strong performance.

Interest rates were unchanged to slightly higher over the quarter, as the Federal Reserve left the federal funds rate unchanged and long-term Treasury rates rose only slightly. Corporate credit spreads also ended the quarter little changed, while the Fund's interest-rate hedge had only a minimal impact. Both the recent quarter and trailing twelve-month periods delivered what the Fund is intended to produce - current income and stability of principal.

As you can see on the following pages detailing actual holdings in the Fund's portfolio, the Fund invests in a relatively small number of industries, including utilities and insurers, banks and other finance companies. In terms of the industries the Fund's assets are in, its portfolio is no different than the overall preferred securities market. Because of the preferred securities market's overall emphasis in financial services, a portfolio of preferred securities, including the Fund's, can be at risk if the U.S. economy goes into recession.

One important area of recent concern for the U.S. economy in general, and U.S. credit markets in particular, is subprime mortgage lending, which has experienced increasing default and delinquency rates in recent months. The numbers here are large in an absolute sense, but they are small relative to a \$13 trillion U.S. economy and to the mortgage market as a whole. Because of this, while we cannot entirely rule it out, we currently do not believe that problems in subprime mortgages will push the economy into recession.

The Fund holds no positions in securities issued by mortgage brokers or subprime specialty lenders. Nonetheless, many of the banks and insurance companies in which we have invested do have some exposure to subprime mortgages in their lending or investment portfolios. While we are examining these companies very closely, the lack of detailed disclosure about subprime mortgages makes it impossible for us to make definitive statements about the Fund's potential exposure to the problem. However, given what we now know and can infer about the companies in which we invest, we expect that EARNINGS (which flow to the companies' common shareholders) will be reduced at some of the companies we hold as a result of the problems in subprime lending. However, we currently do not expect that they will suffer losses large enough to cut meaningfully into CAPITAL (which support the debt and preferred securities owned by the Fund). Although we cannot rule out the possibility - despite our best judgment to the contrary - that some of the Fund's investments could be seriously affected, we do not currently see any serious subprime credit problems in the holdings of the Fund.

The Fund's website at WWW.PREFERREDINCOME.COM has more information about Fund performance and a more complete discussion of the state of the economy (in our First Quarter Economic Update) and of subprime mortgages and their potential impact on the economy and the Fund's portfolio (in the "Frequently Asked Questions" section). We encourage you to explore the website for a wide range of

additional information about your Fund.

Sincerely,

/S/ DONALD F. CRUMRINE Donald F. Crumrine Chairman of the Board /S/ ROBERT M. ETTINGER Robert M. Ettinger President

April 20, 2007

FUND STATISTICS ON 02/28/07

Net Asset Value \$ 12.60

Market Price \$ 12.61

Premium 0.08%

Yield on Market Price 6.19%

Common Stock Shares

Outstanding 11,700,433

INDUSTRY CATEGORIES

% OF PORTFOLIO

[GRAPHIC OMITTED]

EDGAR REPRESENTATION OF DATA POINTS

Other 1%
Banks 25%
Utilities 35%
Insurance 19%
Financial Services 9%
Energy 7%
REITS 4%

MOODY'S RATINGS	% OF PORTFOLIO
AAA	0.0%
AA	1.1%
A	17.6%
BBB	59.8%

ВВ	11.9%	
Not Rated	8.6%	
Below Investment Grade*	 15.1%	

^{*} BELOW INVESTMENT GRADE BY BOTH MOODY'S AND S&P

TOP 10 HOLDINGS BY ISSUER	% OF PORTFOLIO
Interstate Power & Light	5.0%
Liberty Mutual Group	4.5%
Xcel Energy	3.7%
Goldman Sachs	3.6%
RenaissanceRe Holdings	3.3%
First Republic Bank	3.0%
EOG Resources	3.0%
Cobank	2.9%
Public Storage	2.9%
Capital One Financial	2.8%

Holdings Generating Qualified Dividend Income (QDI) for Individuals

Holdings Generating Income Eligible for the Corporate Dividend Received Deduction (DRD)

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Flaherty & Crumrine Preferred Income Opportunity Fund Incorporated PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS FEBRUARY 28, 2007 (UNAUDITED)

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PREFERRED SECURITIES -- 94.0% BANKING -- 24.7% ______ \$ 3,000,000 Astoria Capital Trust I, 9.75% 11/01/29 Capital Security, Series B...... Auction Pass-Through Trust, Cl. B: 9 Series 2006-5, Variable Rate Pfd., 144A****..... 9 Series 2006-6, Variable Rate Pfd., 144A****..... Banco Santander: 160,000 6.50% Pfd., 144A****..... 62,400 6.80% Pfd., 144A****.... \$ 1,000,000 Barclays Bank PLC, 6.278% Pfd..... 19,648 Citizens Funding Trust I, 7.50% Pfd. 09/15/66...... Cobank, ACB: 7.00% Pfd., 144A****..... 45,000 7.814% Pfd., 144A****..... 75,000 500,000 Comerica (Imperial) Capital Trust I, 9.98% 12/31/26 Capital Security, Series B... \$ 4,500 FBOP Corporation, Adj. Rate Pfd., 144A****..... 2,250,000 First Hawaiian Capital I, 8.343% 07/01/27 Capital Security, Series B...... First Republic Bank: 200,000 6.25% Pfd..... 5,000 6.70% Pfd.... 640 First Republic Preferred Capital Corporation, 10.50% Pfd., 144A****..... 22,500 First Republic Preferred Capital Corporation II, 8.75% Pfd., Series B, 144A****.. 5,000 Fleet Capital Trust VIII, 7.20% Pfd. 03/15/32...... 4,349,000 GreenPoint Capital Trust I, 9.10% 06/01/27 Capital Security...... HBOS Capital Funding LP: \$ 3,500,000 6.85% Pfd..... Ś 250,000 6.413% Pfd., 144A***..... 5,000 HSBC Series II, Variable Inverse Pfd., Pvt...... 2,500 HSBC USA, Inc., \$2.8575 Pfd..... 12,000 Keycorp Capital VIII, 7.00% Pfd. 06/15/66..... 25,000 Keycorp Capital IX, 6.75% Pfd. 12/15/66..... 5,000 National City Capital Trust II, 6.625% Pfd. 11/15/36...... 1,500,000 North Fork Capital Trust I, 8.70% 12/15/26 Capital Security..... 16,000 PFGI Capital Corporation, 7.75% Pfd...... 650,000 RBS Capital Trust B, 6.80% Pfd..... \$ 20,375 Sovereign Capital Trust V, 7.75% Pfd. 05/22/36...... 6,000 USB Capital XI, 6.60% Pfd. 09/15/66.....

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PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)
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PREFERRED SECURITIES -- (CONTINUED) FINANCIAL SERVICES -- 8.6% ______ 36,500 Cabco Trust For Goldman Sachs Capital I, Adj. Rate Pfd. 02/15/34, Series GS...... 1,000,000 CIT Group Inc, 6.10% Pfd..... Goldman Sachs Group, Inc.: 25 Pass-Through Certificates, Class B, 144A****..... 3,500 STRIPES Custodial Receipts, Pvt..... 3,000 Merrill Lynch Series II STRIPES Custodial Receipts, Pvt...... 47,000 Morgan Stanley Capital Trust VI, 6.60% Pfd..... 94,150 SLM Corporation, 6.97% Pfd., Series A..... INSURANCE -- 16.5% ._____ 20,000 ACE Ltd., 7.80% Pfd., Series C...... 500,000 AMBAC Financial Group, Inc., 6.15% Pfd., 02/15/37.... 3,500,000 AON Capital Trust A, 8.205% 01/01/27 Capital Security..... Arch Capital Group Ltd.: 10,000 7.875% Pfd., Series B..... 4,400 8.00% Pfd..... 2,500,000 AXA SA 6.463% Pfd. Series 144A****..... Axis Capital Holdings: 22,300 Berkley W.R. Capital Trust II, 6.75% Pfd. 07/26/45...... 37,100 Endurance Specialty Holdings, 7.75% Pfd...... 1,250,000 Glen Meadow Pass Through, 6.505% Pfd., Capital Security 144A****..... Ś 175,000 Principal Financial Group, 6.518% Pfd...... Ś 511,000 Provident Financing Trust I, 7.405% 03/15/38 Capital Security..... 4,000,000 Renaissancere Capital Trust, 8.54% 03/01/27 Capital Security, Series B...... \$ 100,000 Renaissancere Holdings Ltd., 6.60% Pfd., Series D...... 115,500 Scottish Re Group Ltd., 7.25% Pfd...... 560,000 USF&G Capital, 8.312% 07/01/46 Capital Security, 144A****..... 22,850 XL Capital Ltd., 8.00% Pfd., Series A.....

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PREFERRED SECURITIES -- (CONTINUED)
UTILITIES -- 33.8%

	Alabama Power Company:
4,980	4.60% Pfd
6,485	4.72% Pfd.
868	4.92% Pfd.
6 , 579	Baltimore Gas & Electric Company, 6.70% Pfd., Series 1993
10,000	Calenergy Capital Trust III, 6.50% Pfd. 09/01/27
1,628	Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation, 4.35% Pfd., Series D, Pvt
3,798	Central Maine Power Company, 4.75% Pfd
8,339	Central Vermont Public Service Corporation, 8.30% Sinking Fund Pfd., Pvt
0,000	Connecticut Light & Power Company:
2,050	4.50% Pfd., Series 1956
10,000	4.50% Pfd., Series 1963, Pvt
25,000	5.28% Pfd., Series 1967
883	\$2.04 Pfd., Series 1949
2,900	\$2.20 Pfd., Series 1949
9,652	\$3.24 Pfd.
2,000	Consolidated Edison Company of New York, 4.65% Pfd., Series C
7,500	Dayton Power and Light Company, 3.90% Pfd., Series C
23,000	Dominion CNG Capital Trust I, 7.80% 10/31/41 Capital Security
\$ 1,500,000	Dominion Resources Capital Trust III, 8.40% 01/15/31 Capital Security
15,030	Duquesne Light Company, 3.75% Pfd
-, -	Entergy Arkansas, Inc.:
2,840	4.56% Pfd
3,050	4.56% Pfd., Series 1965
1,435	6.08% Pfd
90,000	6.45% Pfd
2,441	Entergy Gulf States, Inc., 7.56% Pfd
36,000	Entergy Louisiana, Inc., 6.95% Pfd
	Entergy Mississippi, Inc.:
4,616	4.36% Pfd
5,000	4.92% Pfd
4,400	Florida Power Company, 4.75% Pfd
128,500	FPC Capital I, 7.10% Pfd., Series A
101,000	FPL Group Capital, Inc., 6.60% Pfd. 10/01/66, Series A
8 , 900	Georgia Power, 6.125% Pfd
•	Great Plains Energy, Inc.:
1,625	4.20% Pfd
2,000	4.35% Pfd
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PREFERRED SECURITIES -- (CONTINUED)

UTILITIES -- (CONTINUED)

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Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc.:
   2,471 5.00% Pfd., Series D......
   1,383 5.00% Pfd., Series I......
   30,500 Indianapolis Power & Light Company, 5.65% Pfd......
  340,000 Interstate Power & Light Company, 8.375% Pfd., Series B.......
   2,588 New York State Electric & Gas, $4.50 Pfd., Series 1949.....
      Ohio Power Company:
   3,018 4.20% Pfd.....
   1,251
      4.40% Pfd.....
      Pacific Enterprises:
   13,680
      $4.36 Pfd.....
   24,985
       $4.50 Pfd.....
      $4.75 Pfd., Series 53......
   15,730
      Pacific Gas & Electric Co.:
   7,600
      41,500
       5.00% Pfd., Series D.....
   83,000
       5.00% Pfd., Series E......
      PacifiCorp:
   5,672
      $4.56 Pfd.....
   6,708
       $4.72 Pfd.....
   8,750
      $7.48 Sinking Fund Pfd.....
   1,500,000 PECO Energy Capital Trust III, 7.38% 04/06/28 Capital Security, Series D.......
   14,020 Public Service Electric & Gas Company, 5.28% Pfd., Series E.......
   70,210 San Diego Gas & Electric Company, $1.70 Pfd......
      South Carolina Electric & Gas Company:
   13,974
      5.125% Purchase Fund Pfd., Pvt.....
   7,774
      6.00% Purchase Fund Pfd., Pvt.....
      Southern California Edison:
      4.24% Pfd.....
   5,000
   11,300
      6.00% Pfd....
      Southern Union Company:
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  700,000
       7.20% 11/01/66, Capital Security.....
      7.55% Pfd....
   51,750
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  750,000 TXU Electric Capital V, 8.175% 01/30/37 Capital Security......
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PREFERRED SECURITIES -- (CONTINUED) UTILITIES -- (CONTINUED)

Union Electric Company:

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7.25% Pfd., Series K.....

79,900

	20,000	Realty Income Corp., 6.75% Pfd., Series E
		MISCELLANEOUS INDUSTRIES 2.0%
	35,000	E.I. Du Pont de Nemours and Company, \$4.50 Pfd., Series B
		U.S. GOVERNMENT SECURITIES 0.3%
		Federal National Mortgage Association, 4.75% Series M
		TOTAL PREFERRED SECURITIES (Cost \$192,203,958)
COI	RPORATE DEBI	SECURITIES 6.2% INSURANCE 2.6%
\$		Farmers Exchange Capital, 7.20% 07/15/48, 144A***
		HETT TETES 1 20
		UTILITIES 1.2%
\$	1,000,000	Duquesne Light Holdings, 6.25% 08/15/35
\$ \$	750,000 500,000	Southern Union Company: 7.60% 02/01/24, Senior Notes
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COI	RPORATE DEBT	SECURITIES (CONTINUED) OIL AND GAS 2.2%

\$ 2,450,000 KN Energy, Inc., 7.45% 03/01/98		
MISCELLANEOUS 0.2%		
15,000 AT&T Inc., 6.375% 02/15/56		•••••
TOTAL CORPORATE DEBT SECURITIES (Cost \$12,858,312)		
COMMON STOCK 0.1% BANKING 0.1%		
15,000 New York Community Bancorp, Inc		
TOTAL COMMON STOCK (Cost \$246,408)		
OPTION CONTRACTS 0.1% 1,400 June Put Options on June U.S. Treasury Bond Future.		
TOTAL OPTION CONTRACTS (Cost \$601,808)		
MONEY MARKET FUND 0.3% 685,665 BlackRock Provident Institutional, TempFund		
TOTAL MONEY MARKET FUND (Cost \$685,665)		
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TOTAL INVESTMENTS (Cost \$206,596,151***) OTHER ASSETS AND LIABILITIES (Net)		100.79
TOTAL NET ASSETS AVAILABLE TO COMMON AND PREFERRED STOCK		100.0

MONEY MARKET CUMULATIVE PREFERRED (TM) STOCK (MMP(R)) REDEMPTION VALUE.....

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Flaherty & Crumrine Preferred Income Opportunity Fund Incorporated FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS(1)
FOR THE PERIOD FROM DECEMBER 1, 2006 THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 2007 (UNAUDITED) FOR A COMMON STOCK SHARE OUTSTANDING THROUGHOUT THE PERIOD.
PER SHARE OPERATING PERFORMANCE:
Net asset value, beginning of period
INVESTMENT OPERATIONS: Net investment income
DISTRIBUTIONS TO MMP(R) * SHAREHOLDERS:
From net investment income From net realized capital gains
Total from investment operations
DISTRIBUTIONS TO COMMON STOCK SHAREHOLDERS:
From net investment income
From net realized capital gains
Total distributions to Common Stock Shareholders
Net asset value, end of period
Market value, end of period
Common Stock shares outstanding, end of period
RATIOS TO AVERAGE NET ASSETS AVAILABLE TO COMMON STOCK SHAREHOLDERS: Net investment income+
Operating expenses
SUPPLEMENTAL DATA:++ Portfolio turnover rate
Total net assets available to Common and Preferred Stock, end of period (in 000's)
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Flaherty & Crumrine Preferred Income Opportunity Fund Incorporated FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS (CONTINUED)
PER SHARE OF COMMON STOCK (UNAUDITED)

TOTAL DIVIDENDS NET ASSET

NYSE

	PAID	VALUE	CLOSING PRICE
December 31, 2006	\$0.0650	\$12.39	\$12.36
January 31, 2007	0.0650	12.42	12.39
February 28, 2007	0.0650	12.60	12.61

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Flaherty & Crumrine Preferred Income Opportunity Fund Incorporated NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED)

1. AGGREGATE INFORMATION FOR FEDERAL INCOME TAX PURPOSES

At February 28, 2007, the aggregate cost of securities for federal income tax purposes was \$206,731,009, the aggregate gross unrealized appreciation for all securities in which there is an excess of value over tax cost was \$16,334,630 and the aggregate gross unrealized depreciation for all securities in which there is an excess of tax cost over value was \$4,209,357.

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DIRECTORS

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Karen H. Hogan
Robert F. Wulf, CFA

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QUESTIONS CONCERNING YOUR SHARES OF FLAHERTY &

CRUMRINE PREFERRED INCOME OPPORTUNITY FUND?

- o If your shares are held in a Brokerage Account, contact your Broker.
- o If you have physical possession of your shares in certificate form, contact the Fund's Transfer Agent & Shareholder Servicing Agent --

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