

**ClearBridge Energy MLP Opportunity Fund Inc.
Announces Results of First Annual Meeting of Shareholders**

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ClearBridge Energy MLP Opportunity Fund Inc., which is traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol “EMO,” announced today the results of the votes cast at the Fund’s first annual meeting of shareholders held December 12, 2011.

Carol L. Colman, Daniel P. Cronin, and Paolo M. Cucchi were elected as Class I Directors of the Fund by owners of its common stock to hold office until the annual meeting of shareholders in the year 2012 or thereafter when respective successors are duly elected and qualified.

Leslie H. Gelb, R. Jay Gerken, and William R. Hutchinson were elected as Class II Directors of the Fund by owners of its common stock to hold office until the annual meeting of shareholders in the year 2013 or thereafter when respective successors are duly elected and qualified.

Dr. Riordan Roett and Jeswald W. Salacuse were elected as Class III Directors of the Fund by owners of its common stock to hold office until the annual meeting of shareholders in the year 2014 or thereafter when respective successors are duly elected and qualified.

ClearBridge Energy MLP Opportunity Fund Inc. is a non-diversified closed-end management investment company that is managed by Legg Mason Partners Fund Advisor, LLC (“LMPFA”), and subadvised by ClearBridge Advisors, LLC (“ClearBridge”). LMPFA and ClearBridge are wholly owned subsidiaries of Legg Mason, Inc. (“Legg Mason”).

For more information, please contact the Fund at 1-888-777-0102 or visit the Fund’s web site at www.leggmason.com/cef.

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