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Flaherty & Crumrine PREFERRED INCOME OPPORTUNITY FUND INC  
Form N-Q  
October 20, 2006

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM N-Q

QUARTERLY SCHEDULE OF PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS OF REGISTERED MANAGEMENT  
INVESTMENT COMPANY

Investment Company Act file number 811-06495

FLAHERTY & CRUMRINE PREFERRED INCOME OPPORTUNITY FUND INCORPORATED

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(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

301 E. Colorado Boulevard, Suite 720  
PASADENA, CA 91101

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(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

Donald F. Crumrine  
Flaherty & Crumrine Incorporated  
301 E. Colorado Boulevard, Suite 720  
PASADENA, CA 91101

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(Name and address of agent for service)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 626-795-7300

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Date of fiscal year end: NOVEMBER 30, 2006

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Date of reporting period: AUGUST 31, 2006  
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ITEM 1. SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS.

The Schedule(s) of Investments is attached herewith.

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FLAHERTY & CRUMRINE PREFERRED INCOME OPPORTUNITY FUND

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

During the Fund's 3rd fiscal quarter, the economy slowed from its rapid growth earlier in the year and, for the first time in two years, the Federal Reserve paused in its ratcheting up of short-term interest rates. In this environment, the Fund performed very well, earning a total return of +3.0% on its net asset value (NAV) in the three months ended August 31st and +5.2% over its fiscal year-to-date.

In a reversal of the weak markets for Treasury securities earlier in the year, when the Fund's hedging strategies contributed significantly to results, long-term interest rates declined during the recent fiscal quarter and the interest-rate hedge proved unnecessary. However, as always, we follow the Fund's investment strategy of maintaining the hedge in place, while attempting to control its cost. Doing so helps protect the value of the Fund's holdings against significant increases in long-term interest rates and potentially results in an increase in the Fund's distributable income. During the recent fiscal quarter, the Fund's NAV performed very well, even after absorbing the cost of the hedge.

Conditions in the market for preferred securities continue to be positive. This market is somewhat amorphous, so we find it useful to break it down into smaller groups of similarly-structured issues. The market for traditional preferred STOCK (issues that pay dividends and may have tax advantages to certain investors which the Fund can pass through to its shareholders) has been delivering strong relative returns for some time. As of August 31st, this type of security comprised 63% of the Fund's portfolio.

Since the beginning of 2006, fourteen new traditional preferred stock issues totaling \$5.7 billion have been brought to market (increasing the sector total by roughly 10%); the additional supply has helped focus interest on traditional preferred stock and appears to have attracted new investors. Several of these recent issues have dividend rates that adjust every quarter to reflect changes in short-term interest rates. This floating-rate feature fits the Fund nicely because it tends to offset changes in the cost of the Fund's leverage and requires only a minimal interest-rate hedge. However, unless the level of income we can earn on this type of security goes up, we don't anticipate increasing the Fund's holdings much beyond present levels.

The other major category of the preferred market is the fully taxable or "hybrid" preferred. Income from these issues is taxed as ordinary income to investors and is a deductible expense to the issuer. Taxable preferred securities comprise the lion's share of the preferred market, and the segment continues to grow rapidly. Over \$24 billion of new taxable preferred securities have come to market in 2006. As of August 31st, 31% of the Fund's portfolio was invested in fully-taxable preferred securities.

Much of the recent growth in taxable preferred securities has come from issuance of "enhanced" preferreds. These issues have certain terms and conditions which may result in better credit ratings for the issuer (which in turn helps keep their borrowing costs down). Since most of these features favor the issuer, investors should require a higher return. In our view, too often this is not the case. As a result, the portfolio's allocation to enhanced preferreds has increased at a much slower pace than that of the overall market.

While changes in short-term interest rates affect the valuation of some of the Fund's securities (and therefore its NAV), short-term rates more directly affect the Fund's income and the amount of its dividend by influencing both the cost of its Money Market PreferredTM Stock (MMP(R)) leverage and its hedging

strategy. The Fund's leverage generally produces additional distributable income for its Common Stock shareholders. The amount of this additional income is influenced by the "spread" between the income generated by the portfolio and the cost of leverage.

As the Fed increased short-term interest rates through June 2006, these spreads narrowed significantly and the Fund generated less additional distributable income. If the Fed maintains its pause on short-term rates, and long-term rates do not decrease materially, the Fund's leverage should continue to produce the same additional distributable income as it does now. Of course, if the Fed lowers short-term interest rates, the Fund should see a greater benefit from its use of leverage and consequently have more additional distributable income for its Common Stock shareholders.

The cost of the Fund's hedging strategy is also directly affected by the slope of the yield curve (in other words, the difference between short- and long-term interest rates). When the yield curve is steep - as it was for most of the period from mid-2001 through 2004 - hedging tends to be expensive, because the market charges the difference between long- and short-term yields to those hedging. However, if the slope of the yield curve is as flat as it has been this year, the market will not charge as much to hedge and the Fund should not need to spend as much on its hedging strategy as it has over the past few years.

We hope investors will take advantage of the Fund's website, WWW.PREFERREDINCOME.COM. On it, there is a more extensive discussion of enhanced hybrid preferred securities, the impact of changing short-term interest rates on the additional distributable income provided by the Fund's leverage and how the slope of the yield curve affects the cost of the Fund's hedging strategy. It also contains a wide range of additional information about the Fund.

Sincerely,

/S/ DONALD F. CRUMRINE  
Donald F. Crumrine  
Chairman of the Board

/S/ ROBERT M. ETTINGER  
Robert M. Ettinger  
President

October 19, 2006

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Flaherty & Crumrine Preferred Income Opportunity Fund Incorporated  
PORTFOLIO OVERVIEW  
AUGUST 31, 2006 (UNAUDITED)  
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FUND STATISTICS ON 08/31/06

Net Asset Value	\$	12.16
Market Price	\$	11.94
Discount		1.81%
Yield on Market Price		6.53%
Common Stock Shares Outstanding		11,695,372

INDUSTRY CATEGORIES                      % OF PORTFOLIO





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	10	Roslyn Real Estate, 8.95% Pfd., Series C, 144A****
	70,500	Sovereign Bancorp, 7.30% Pfd., Series C
	20,375	Sovereign Capital Trust V, 7.75% Pfd. 05/22/36
	6,000	USB Capital X, 6.50% Pfd. 04/12/66
\$	1,100,000	Washington Mutual Preferred Funding, Variable Rate Pfd., 144A****

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 PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)  
 AUGUST 31, 2006 (UNAUDITED)

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PREFERRED SECURITIES -- (CONTINUED)

FINANCIAL SERVICES -- 11.7%

		Goldman Sachs Group, Inc.:
100,000		Adj. Rate Pfd., Series D
25		Pass-Through Certificates, Class B, 144A****
3,500		STRIPES Custodial Receipts, Pvt
109,505		Lehman Brothers Holdings, Inc., 5.94% Pfd., Series C
3,000		Merrill Lynch Series II STRIPES Custodial Receipts, Pvt
9,200		Morgan Stanley Capital Trust IV, 6.25% Pfd
47,000		Morgan Stanley Capital Trust VI, 6.60% Pfd
		SLM Corporation:
94,150		6.97% Pfd., Series A
7,500		Adj. Rate Pfd., Series B

INSURANCE -- 13.4%

20,000		ACE Ltd., 7.80% Pfd., Series C
25,000		Aegon NV, 6.50% Pfd
		Arch Capital Group Ltd.:
10,000		7.875% Pfd., Series B
4,400		8.00% Pfd
		Axis Capital Holdings:
73,950		7.25% Pfd., Series A
9,300		Variable Rate Pfd., Series B
16,000		Berkley W.R. Capital Trust II, 6.75% Pfd. 07/26/45
64,600		Endurance Specialty Holdings, 7.75% Pfd
13,750		Everest Re Capital Trust II, 6.20% Pfd., Series B
10,000		Lincoln National Corporation, 6.75% Pfd. 04/20/66
140,000		MetLife Inc., 6.50% Pfd., Series B
\$ 1,925,000		Oil Insurance Ltd., Variable Rate Pfd., 144A****
		PartnerRe Capital Trust I, 7.90% Pfd. 12/31/31
		PartnerRe Ltd., 6.75% Pfd., Series C
		Principal Financial Group, 6.518% Pfd
\$ 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

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	Renaissancere Holdings Ltd.:	
25,000	6.08% Pfd., Series C.....	
6,000	7.30% Pfd., Series B.....	
14,000	8.10% Pfd., Series A.....	
115,500	Scottish Re Group Ltd., 7.25% Pfd.....	
22,280	St. Paul Capital Trust I, 7.60% Pfd. 10/15/50.....	

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 PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)  
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PREFERRED SECURITIES -- (CONTINUED)  
 INSURANCE -- (CONTINUED)

\$	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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 UTILITIES -- 34.7%  
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		Alabama Power Company:
	4,980	4.60% Pfd.....
	6,485	4.72% Pfd.....
	868	4.92% Pfd.....
	6,000	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.....
	11,119	Central Vermont Public Service Corporation, 8.30% Sinking Fund Pfd., Pvt.....
		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.....
\$	1,500,000	Dominion Resources Capital Trust III, 8.40% 01/15/31 Capital Security.....
		Duquesne Light Company:
	15,030	3.75% Pfd.....
	25,775	6.50% 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., 144A****.....
		Entergy Mississippi, Inc.:
	4,616	4.36% Pfd.....

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5,000	4.92% Pfd.....
4,400	Florida Power Company, 4.75% Pfd.....
18,500	FPC Capital I, 7.10% Pfd., Series A.....

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 PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)  
 AUGUST 31, 2006 (UNAUDITED)  
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PREFERRED SECURITIES -- (CONTINUED)  
 UTILITIES -- (CONTINUED)  
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8,900	Georgia Power Capital Trust, 6.125% Pfd.....
	Great Plains Energy, Inc.:
1,625	4.20% Pfd.....
2,000	4.35% Pfd.....
24,000	Gulf Power Company, 6.00% Pfd., Series 1.....
	Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc.:
2,471	5.00% Pfd., Series D.....
7,438	5.00% Pfd., Series E.....
1,383	5.00% Pfd., Series I.....
\$ 3,750,000	Houston Light & Power Capital Trust II, 8.257% 02/01/37 Capital Security.....
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.....
15,730	\$4.75 Pfd., Series 53.....
	Pacific Gas & Electric Co.:
7,600	4.50% Pfd., Series H.....
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.....
1,250	PECO Energy Company, \$4.30 Pfd., Series B.....
\$ 1,500,000	PECO Energy Capital Trust III, 7.38% 04/06/28 Capital Security, Series D.....
12,748	Portland General Electric, 7.75% Sinking Fund Pfd.....
30,000	PPL Electric Utilities Corporation, 6.25% Pfd.....
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.....



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PREFERRED SECURITIES -- (CONTINUED)  
 UTILITIES -- (CONTINUED)

		Southern California Edison:
	5,000	4.24% Pfd.....
	11,300	6.00% Pfd.....
	60,000	Southern Union Company, 7.55% Pfd.....
\$	750,000	TXU Electric Capital V, 8.175% 01/30/37 Capital Security.....
		Union Electric Company:
	5,700	4.56% Pfd.....
	4,800	\$7.64 Pfd.....
		Virginia Electric & Power Company:
	1,665	\$4.04 Pfd.....
	2,470	\$4.20 Pfd.....
	1,673	\$4.80 Pfd.....
	2,878	\$6.98 Pfd.....
	12,500	\$7.05 Pfd.....
	11,200	Virginia Power Capital Trust, 7.375% Pfd. 07/30/42.....
	2,262	Washington Gas & Light Company, \$4.25 Pfd.....
	12,863	Wisconsin Power & Light Company, 6.20% Pfd.....
		Xcel Energy, Inc.:
	15,000	\$4.08 Pfd., Series B.....
	20,040	\$4.10 Pfd., Series C.....
	35,510	\$4.11 Pfd., Series D.....
	17,750	\$4.16 Pfd., Series E.....
	10,000	\$4.56 Pfd., Series G.....

OIL AND GAS -- 4.8%

	8,000	Devon Energy Corporation, 6.49% Pfd., Series A.....
\$	372,000	Enterprise Products Partners, Variable Rate Pfd.....
	6,125	EOG Resources, Inc., 7.195% Pfd., Series B.....
\$	1,650,000	KN Capital Trust III, 7.63% 04/15/28 Capital Security.....
	10,000	Lasmo America Limited, 8.15% Pfd., 144A****.....

REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST (REIT) -- 3.3%

		BRE Properties, Inc.:
	12,600	6.75% Pfd., Series D.....
	18,900	8.08% Pfd., Series B.....

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PREFERRED SECURITIES -- (CONTINUED)

REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST (REIT) -- (CONTINUED)

20,000	Duke Realty Corporation, 6.625% Pfd., Series J.....
10,000	Equity Office Property Trust, 7.75% Pfd., Series G.....
1,000	Equity Residential Properties, 8.29% Pfd., Series K.....
10,000	PS Business Parks, Inc., 7.00% Pfd., Series H.....
	Public Storage, Inc.:
13,600	6.18% Pfd., Series D.....
114,075	6.45% Pfd., Series F.....
6,300	6.60% Pfd., Series C.....
2,900	6.75% Pfd., Series E.....
70,000	7.25% Pfd., Series K.....
3,700	7.625% Pfd., Series U.....

MISCELLANEOUS INDUSTRIES -- 1.9%

13,600	E.I. Du Pont de Nemours and Company, \$4.50 Pfd., Series B.....
35,000	Ocean Spray Cranberries, Inc., 6.25% Pfd., 144A****.....
26,000	Touch America Holdings, \$6.875 Pfd.....

TOTAL PREFERRED SECURITIES

(Cost \$188,311,094) .....

CORPORATE DEBT SECURITIES -- 5.5%

FINANCIAL SERVICES -- 0.4%

36,300	Saturns-GS, 6.00% 02/15/33, Series Goldman Sachs.....
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INSURANCE -- 2.5%

\$ 900,000	Farmers Exchange Capital, 7.20% 07/15/48, 144A****.....
	Liberty Mutual Insurance:
\$ 533,000	7.50% 08/15/36, 144A****.....
\$ 3,869,000	7.697% 10/15/97, 144A****.....

UTILITIES -- 0.6%

\$ 1,000,000	Duquesne Light Holdings, 6.25% 08/15/35.....
10,000	Entergy Louisiana LLC, 7.60% 04/01/32.....

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 PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)  
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CORPORATE DEBT SECURITIES -- (CONTINUED)  
 OIL AND GAS -- 2.0%

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 \$ 2,000,000 KN Energy, Inc., 7.45% 03/01/98.....  
 97,900 Nexen, Inc., 7.35% Subordinated Notes.....  
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TOTAL CORPORATE DEBT SECURITIES  
 (Cost \$11,486,108).....

OPTION CONTRACTS -- 0.0%

1,150 December Put Options on December U.S. Treasury Bond Futures, Expiring 11/21/06...  
 265 October Put Options on December U.S. Treasury Bond Futures, Expiring 09/22/06....

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 TOTAL OPTION CONTRACTS  
 (Cost \$742,210).....

MONEY MARKET FUND -- 0.3%

607,814 BlackRock Provident Institutional, TempFund.....

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 TOTAL MONEY MARKET FUND  
 (Cost \$607,814).....

TOTAL INVESTMENTS (Cost \$201,147,226\*\*\*)..... 99.2%  
 OTHER ASSETS AND LIABILITIES (Net)..... 0.8%

TOTAL NET ASSETS AVAILABLE TO COMMON AND PREFERRED STOCK..... 100.0%+  
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MONEY MARKET CUMULATIVE PREFERRED(TM) STOCK (MMP(R)) REDEMPTION VALUE .....

TOTAL NET ASSETS AVAILABLE TO COMMON STOCK .....

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 \* Securities eligible for the Dividends Received Deduction and distributing Qualified Dividen  
 \*\* Securities distributing Qualified Dividend Income only.  
 \*\*\* Aggregate cost of securities held.  
 \*\*\*\* Securities exempt from registration under Rule 144A of the Securities Act of 1933. These  
 may be resold in transactions exempt from registration to qualified institutional buy  
 securities have been determined to be liquid under the guidelines established by t  
 Directors.  
 (1) Foreign Issuer.  
 + Non-income producing.

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++ The percentage shown for each investment category is the total value of that category as a percentage of net assets available to Common and Preferred Stock.

ABBREVIATIONS:

PFD. -- Preferred Securities  
 PVT. -- Private Placement Securities  
 REIT -- Real Estate Investment Trust

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 Flaherty & Crumrine Preferred Income Opportunity Fund Incorporated  
 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE TO COMMON STOCK(1)  
 FOR THE PERIOD FROM DECEMBER 1, 2005 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2006 (UNAUDITED)  
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OPERATIONS:

Net investment income .....  
 Net realized gain/(loss) on investments sold during the period .....  
 Change in net unrealized appreciation/depreciation of investments held  
 during the period .....  
 Distributions to MMP(R)\* Shareholders from net investment income,  
 including changes in accumulated undeclared distributions .....  
  
 NET INCREASE IN NET ASSETS RESULTING FROM OPERATIONS .....

DISTRIBUTIONS:

Dividends paid from net investment income to Common Stock Shareholders (2).....  
  
 TOTAL DISTRIBUTIONS TO COMMON STOCK SHAREHOLDERS .....

FUND SHARE TRANSACTIONS:

Increase from shares issued under the Dividend Reinvestment  
 and Cash Purchase Plan .....  
  
 NET INCREASE IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE TO COMMON STOCK RESULTING  
 FROM FUND SHARE TRANSACTIONS .....

NET INCREASE IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE TO COMMON STOCK  
 FOR THE PERIOD .....

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 NET ASSETS AVAILABLE TO COMMON STOCK:

Beginning of period .....  
 Net increase in net assets during the period .....  
  
 End of period .....

\* Money Market Cumulative Preferred<sup>TM</sup> Stock.

(1) These tables summarize the nine months ended August 31, 2006 and should be read in conjunction with the Fund's audited financial statements, including footnotes, in its Annual Report dated November 1, 2006.

2005.

(2) May include income earned, but not paid out, in prior fiscal year.

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 Flaherty & Crumrine Preferred Income Opportunity Fund Incorporated  
 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS(1)  
 FOR THE PERIOD FROM DECEMBER 1, 2005 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2006 (UNAUDITED)  
 FOR A COMMON STOCK SHARE OUTSTANDING THROUGHOUT THE PERIOD.  
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PER SHARE OPERATING PERFORMANCE:

Net asset value, beginning of period .....

INVESTMENT OPERATIONS:

Net investment income .....  
 Net realized and unrealized gain/(loss) on investments .....

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 .....

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 SUPPLEMENTAL DATA:++

Portfolio turnover rate .....  
 Total net assets available to Common and Preferred Stock, end of period (in 000's).....  
 Ratio of operating expenses to total average net assets available to  
 Common and Preferred Stock .....

(1) These tables summarize the nine months ended August 31, 2006 and should be read in conjunction with the Fund's audited financial statements, including footnotes, in its Annual Report dated November 15, 2005.

\* Money Market Cumulative PreferredTM Stock.

\*\* Annualized.

\*\*\* Not Annualized.

+ The net investment income ratios reflect income net of operating expenses and payments to Common Stock Shareholders.

++ Information presented under heading Supplemental Data includes MMP(R)\*.

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 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS (CONTINUED)  
 PER SHARE OF COMMON STOCK (UNAUDITED)  
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	TOTAL DIVIDENDS PAID	NET ASSET VALUE	NYSE CLOSING PRICE
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December 31, 2005.....	\$0.0705	\$12.24	\$11.09
January 31, 2006.....	0.0705	12.28	12.63
February 28, 2006.....	0.0705	12.38	12.39
March 31, 2006.....	0.0650	12.25	11.46
April 30, 2006.....	0.0650	12.11	11.22
May 31, 2006.....	0.0650	12.00	11.05
June 30, 2006.....	0.0650	11.86	11.10
July 31, 2006.....	0.0650	11.83	11.53
August 31, 2006.....	0.0650	12.16	11.94

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 (1) Whenever the net asset value per share of the Fund's Common Stock is less than or equal to price per share on the payment date, new shares issued will be valued at the higher of net or 95% of the then current market price. Otherwise, the reinvestment shares of Common Stock purchased in the open market.

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 Flaherty & Crumrine Preferred Income Opportunity Fund Incorporated  
 NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED)  
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1. AGGREGATE INFORMATION FOR FEDERAL INCOME TAX PURPOSES

At August 31, 2006, the aggregate cost of securities for federal income tax purposes was \$200,973,070, the aggregate gross unrealized appreciation for all securities in which there is an excess of value over tax cost was \$14,533,803, and the aggregate gross unrealized depreciation for all securities in which there is an excess of tax cost over value was \$4,946,010.

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DIRECTORS

Donald F. Crumrine, CFA  
Chairman of the Board  
David Gale  
Morgan Gust  
Karen H. Hogan  
Robert F. Wulf, CFA

OFFICERS

Donald F. Crumrine, CFA  
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Chief Financial Officer,  
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Vice President and Secretary  
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Assistant Treasurer  
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Assistant Treasurer and  
Assistant Secretary

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ITEM 2. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES.

- (a) The registrant's principal executive and principal financial officers, or persons performing similar functions, have concluded that the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 30a-3(c) under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act") (17 CFR 270.30a-3(c))) are effective, as of a date within 90 days of the filing date of the report that includes the disclosure required by this paragraph, based on their evaluation of these controls and procedures required by Rule 30a-3(b) under the 1940 Act (17 CFR 270.30a-3(b)) and Rules 13a-15(b) or 15d-15(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (17 CFR 240.13a-15(b) or 240.15d-15(b)).
- (b) There were no changes in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 30a-3(d) under the 1940 Act (17 CFR 270.30a-3(d)) that occurred during the registrant's last fiscal quarter that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

ITEM 3. EXHIBITS.

Certifications pursuant to Rule 30a-2(a) under the 1940 Act and Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 are attached hereto.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

(Registrant) FLAHERTY & CRUMRINE PREFERRED INCOME OPPORTUNITY FUND INCORPORATED  
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By (Signature and Title)\* /S/ DONALD F. CRUMRINE  
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Donald F. Crumrine, Director, Chairman of the Board and  
Chief Executive Officer  
(principal executive officer)

Date OCTOBER 16, 2006  
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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.



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By (Signature and Title)\* /S/ DONALD F. CRUMRINE

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Donald F. Crumrine, Director, Chairman of the Board and  
Chief Executive Officer  
(principal executive officer)

Date OCTOBER 16, 2006  
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By (Signature and Title)\* /S/ R. ERIC CHADWICK

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R. Eric Chadwick, Chief Financial Officer, Treasurer and  
Vice President  
(principal financial officer)

Date OCTOBER 16, 2006  
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\* Print the name and title of each signing officer under his or her signature.