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(Print or Type Respon	ises)								
1. Name and Address WRIGHT MICH.		Person <u>*</u>	Symbol		nd Ticker of O & CO/	r Trading MN [WFC]	5. Relationship o Issuer	of Reporting Pe eck all applicabl	
(Last) (I	First) (1	Middle)	3. Date of	of Earliest '	Transaction		(Circ	cek an applicabl	ic)
420 MONTGOM	ERY STRE	EET	(Month/ 01/01/2	Day/Year) 2007			X_ Director Officer (giv below)		% Owner her (specify
(S SAN FRANCISC	Street) CO, CA 941	04		endment, I onth/Day/Ye	Date Origina ar)	al	6. Individual or . Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by Form filed by Person		Person
(City) (S	State)	(Zip)	Tal	ole I - Non	-Derivative	e Securities A	cquired, Disposed	of, or Beneficia	ally Owned
	nsaction Date h/Day/Year)	2A. Deemo Execution any (Month/Da	Date, if	Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securi onAcquired Disposed (Instr. 3,	(A) or of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
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1. Title of		3. Transaction Date		4.	5. Number of	6. Date Exercisable and	
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactio	orDerivative	Expiration Date	Underlying Securities
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	Securities	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or		

	Derivative Security				Disposed of ((Instr. 3, 4, at 5)					
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Phantom Stock Units	<u>(1)</u>	01/01/2007	А		636.9516		(2)	(2)	Common Stock, \$1 2/3 par value	636.9516

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address WRIGHT MICHAEL W 420 MONTGOMERY STREET SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94104 Signatures		Relatio	nships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
420 MONTGOMERY STREET	Х					
Signatures						
Michael W. Wright, by Robert S. Attorney-in-Fact	Singley,			01/03/2007		

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Conversion price is 1-for-1
- (2) Payable in 10 installments beginning March 1, 2012
- (3) Amount reflects a 2-for-1 stock split in the form of a 100 percent stock dividend distributed on August 11, 2006

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Utilities 0.2%

Exelon Corp:

8,940

Exelon Corporation

326,042 *

326,042

Total Common Stock (Cost \$1,279,370)

334,596

Money Market Fund 0.1%

BlackRock Liquidity Funds:

184,065

T-Fund

184,065

Total Money Market Fund (Cost \$184,065)

184,065

Explanation of Responses:

Total Investments (Cost \$179,221,727***)	98.6%	193,488,916
Other Assets And Liabilities (Net)	1.4%	2,816,578
Total Managed Assets	100.0%	\$ 196,305,494
Loan Principal Balance		(64,800,000)
Total Net Assets Available To Common Stock		\$ 131,505,494

* Securities eligible for the Dividends Received Deduction and distributing Qualified Dividend Income.

** Securities distributing Qualified Dividend Income only.

PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS (Continued)

August 31, 2012 (Unaudited)

*** Aggregate cost of securities held.

- **** Securities exempt from registration under Rule 144A of the Securities Act of 1933. These securities may be resold in transactions exempt from registration to qualified institutional buyers. At August 31, 2012, these securities amounted to \$37,104,757 or 18.9% of total managed assets.
- ⁽¹⁾ All or a portion of this security is pledged as collateral for the Fund s loan. The total value of such securities was \$130,983,085 at August 31, 2012.
- ⁽²⁾ All or a portion of this security has been rehypothecated. The total value of such securities was \$64,378,676 at August 31, 2012.
- ⁽³⁾ Foreign Issuer.
- ⁽⁴⁾ Illiquid.
- ⁽⁵⁾ Valued at fair value as determined in good faith by or under the direction of the Board of Directors as of August 31, 2012.
- (6) Represents the rate in effect as of the reporting date. Non-income producing.

The issuer has filed for bankruptcy protection. As a result, the Fund may not be able to recover the principal invested and also does not expect to receive income on this security going forward.

The percentage shown for each investment category is the total value of that category as a percentage of total managed assets.

ABBREVIATIONS:Pfd.Preferred SecuritiesREITReal Estate Investment Trust

STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE TO COMMON STOCK⁽¹⁾

For the period from December 1, 2011 through August 31, 2012 (Unaudited)

	Value
OPERATIONS:	
Net investment income	\$ 8,480,616
Net realized gain/(loss) on investments sold during the period	(1,585,144)
Change in net unrealized appreciation/depreciation of investments	18,935,186
Net increase in net assets resulting from operations	25,830,658
DISTRIBUTIONS:	
Dividends paid from net investment income to Common Stock Shareholders ⁽²⁾	(8,792,451)
Total Distributions to Common Stock Shareholders	(8,792,451)
FUND SHARE TRANSACTIONS:	
Increase from shares issued under the Dividend Reinvestment and	
Cash Purchase Plan	860,322
Net increase in net assets available to Common Stock resulting from	
Fund share transactions	860,322
NET INCREASE IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE TO COMMON STOCK	
FOR THE PERIOD	\$ 17,898,529

NET ASSETS AVAILABLE TO COMMON STOCK:	
Beginning of period	\$ 113,606,965
Net increase in net assets during the period	17,898,529
End of period	\$ 131,505,494

(1) These tables summarize the nine months ended August 31, 2012 and should be read in conjunction with the Fund s audited financial statements, including footnotes, in its Annual Report dated November 30, 2011.

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

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS⁽¹⁾

For the period from December 1, 2011 through August 31, 2012 (Unaudited)

For a Common Stock share outstanding throughout the period

PER SHARE OPERATING PERFORMANCE:		
Net asset value, beginning of period	\$	9.40
INVESTMENT OPERATIONS:		
Net investment income		0.70
Net realized and unrealized gain/(loss) on investments		1.42
Total from investment operations		2.12
DISTRIBUTIONS TO COMMON STOCK SHAREHOLDERS:		
From net investment income		(0.72)
Total distributions to Common Stock Shareholders		(0.72)
Net asset value, end of period		10.80
		10100
Market value, end of period	\$	11.98
Common Stock shares outstanding, end of period	12	,172,241
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RATIOS TO AVERAGE NET ASSETS AVAILABLE TO COMMON STOCK SHAREHOLDERS:		
Net investment income		9.13%*
Operating expenses including interest expense		2.10%*
Operating expenses excluding interest expense		1.46%*
SUPPLEMENTAL DATA: Portfolio turnover rate		750%**
Portiono Introduct rate		

Portfolio turnover rate	25%**
Total managed assets, end of period (in 000 s)	\$ 196,305
Ratio of operating expenses including interest expense to total managed assets	1.39%*
Ratio of operating expenses excluding interest expense to total managed assets	0.97%*

⁽¹⁾ These tables summarize the nine months ended August 31, 2012 and should be read in conjunction with the Fund s audited financial statements, including footnotes, in its Annual Report dated November 30, 2011.

* Annualized.

** Not Annualized.

The net investment income ratios reflect income net of operating expenses, including interest expense. Information presented under heading Supplemental Data includes loan principal balance.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS (Continued)

Per Share of Common Stock (Unaudited)

	Total Dividends Paid	Net Asset Value	NYSE Closing Price	Dividend Reinvestment Price ⁽¹⁾
December 30, 2011	\$ 0.1205	\$ 9.48	\$ 11.20	\$ 10.64
January 31, 2012	0.0755	9.92	11.54	10.96
February 29, 2012	0.0755	10.20	11.98	11.38
March 30, 2012	0.0755	10.22	10.99	10.44
April 30, 2012	0.0755	10.32	11.38	10.81
May 31, 2012	0.0755	10.24	11.23	10.67
June 29, 2012	0.0755	10.35	11.40	10.83
July 31, 2012	0.0755	10.66	11.78	11.19
August 31, 2012	0.0755	10.80	11.98	11.38

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

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Unaudited)

1. Aggregate Information for Federal Income Tax Purposes

At August 31, 2012, the aggregate cost of securities for federal income tax purposes was \$179,103,626, the aggregate gross unrealized appreciation for all securities in which there is an excess of value over tax cost was \$24,856,295 and the aggregate gross unrealized depreciation for all securities in which there is an excess of tax cost over value was \$10,471,005.

2. Additional Accounting Standards

Fair Value Measurements: The Fund has performed an analysis of all existing investments and derivative instruments to determine the significance and character of all inputs to their fair value determination. The levels of fair value inputs used to measure the Fund s investments are characterized into a fair value hierarchy. Where inputs for an asset or liability fall into more than one level in the fair value hierarchy, the investment is classified in its entirety based on the lowest level input that is significant to that investment s valuation. The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are described below:

Level 1 quoted prices in active markets for identical securities

Level 2 other significant observable inputs (including quoted prices for similar securities, interest rates, prepayment speeds, credit risk, etc.)

Level 3 significant unobservable inputs (including the Fund s own assumptions in determining the fair value of investments) The inputs or methodology used for valuing securities are not necessarily an indication of the risk associated with investing in those securities. Transfers in and out of levels are recognized at market value at the end of the period. A summary of the inputs used to value the Fund s investments as of August 31, 2012 is as follows:

	Total Value at August 31, 2012	Level 1 Quoted Price	Level 2 Significant Observable Inputs	Level 3 Significant Unobservable Inputs
Preferred Securities				
Banking	\$ 67,517,843	\$ 51,553,246	\$ 15,953,347	\$ 11,250
Financial Services	2,081,825	753,075	1,328,750	
Insurance	46,143,935	29,996,492	16,147,443	
Utilities	38,156,157	13,067,131	25,089,026	
Energy	12,402,639	9,683,701	2,718,938	
Real Estate Investment Trust (REIT)	256,518	256,518		
Miscellaneous Industries	6,340,016	1,791,247	4,548,769	
Corporate Debt Securities	20,071,322	11,005,116	9,066,206	
Common Stock				
Insurance	8,554	8,554		
Utilities	326,042	326,042		
Money Market Fund	184,065	184,065		

Total Investments

\$ 193,488,916 \$ 118,625,187 \$ 74,852,479 \$ 11,250

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Unaudited) (Continued)

During the reporting period, there were no transfers into Level 1 from Level 2. During the reporting period, securities with an aggregate market value of \$4,094,339 were transferred into Level 2 from Level 1. The securities were transferred because of a reduction in the amount of observable market data, resulting from: a decrease in market activity for the securities, reduced availability of quoted prices for the securities, or de-listing of securities from a national securities exchange that resulted in a material decrease in activity.

The fair values of the Fund s investments are generally based on market information and quotes received from brokers or independent pricing services approved by the Board and unaffiliated with the Adviser. To assess the continuing appropriateness of security valuations, management, in consultation with the Adviser, regularly compares current prices to prior prices, prices across comparable securities, actual sale prices for securities in the Fund s portfolio, and market information obtained by the Adviser as a function of being an active participant in the markets.

Securities with quotes that are based on actual trades or actionable bids and offers with a sufficient level of activity on or near the measurement date are classified as Level 1. Securities that are priced using quotes derived from implied values, indicative bids and offers, or a limited number of actual trades or the same information for securities that are similar in many respects to those being valued are classified as Level 2. If market information is not available for securities being valued, or materially-comparable securities, then those securities are classified as Level 3. In considering market information, management evaluates changes in liquidity, willingness of a broker to execute at the quoted price, the depth and consistency of prices from pricing services, and the existence of observable trades in the market.

The following is a reconciliation of Level 3 investments for which significant unobservable inputs were used to determine fair value:

	Pro	Preferred Securities			
	Total Investments	Banking	Financia Service		
Balance as of 11/30/11	\$ 137,595	\$ 137,250	\$ 34	.5	
Accrued discounts/premiums					
Realized gain/(loss)					
Change in unrealized appreciation/(depreciation)	(126,000)	(126,000)			
Purchases					
Sales	(345)		(34	5)	
Transfer in					
Transfer out					
Balance as of 8/31/12	\$ 11,250	\$ 11,250	\$		
For the nine months ended August 31, 2012, total change in unrealized ga	ain/(loss) on Level 3 securities still held	at period-end and	included in	1	

For the nine months ended August 31, 2012, total change in unrealized gain/(loss) on Level 3 securities still held at period-end and included in the change in net assets was \$(126,000).

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Unaudited) (Continued)

The following table summarizes the valuation techniques used and unobservable inputs developed to determine the fair value of Level 3 investments:

Category	Fair Value at 8/31/12	Valuation Technique	Unobservable Input	Input Range (Wgt Avg)
Preferred Securities				
Banking	\$ 11,250 l	Bankruptcy recovery	Credit/Structure-specific recovery	0.00% - 0.50% (0.20%)

The significant unobservable inputs used in the fair value measurement technique for bankruptcy recovery are based on recovery analysis that is specific to the security being valued, including the level of subordination and structural features of the security, and the current status of any bankruptcy or liquidation proceedings. Observable market trades in bankruptcy claims are utilized by management, when available, to assess the appropriateness of valuations, although the frequency of trading depends on the specific credit and seniority of the claim. Expected recoveries in bankruptcy by security type and industry do not tend to deviate much from historical recovery rates, which are very low (sometimes zero) for preferred securities and more moderate for senior debt. Significant changes in these inputs would result in a significantly higher or lower fair value measurement.

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Explanation of Responses:

Investment Adviser

Flaherty & Crumrine Incorporated

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Questions concerning your shares of Flaherty & Crumrine Preferred Income Opportunity Fund?

If your shares are held in a Brokerage Account, contact your Broker.

If you have physical possession of your shares in certificate form, contact the Fund s Transfer Agent & Shareholder Servicing Agent BNY Mellon Investment Servicing

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Quarterly

Report

August 31, 2012

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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

By (Signature and Title)*	/s/ Donald F. Crumrine
	Donald F. Crumrine, Director, Chairman of the Board
	and Chief Executive Officer
	(principal executive officer)

Date 10/24/12

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.

By (Signature and Title)*	/s/ Donald F. Crumrine Donald F. Crumrine, Director, Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer (principal executive officer)
Date 10/24/12	
By (Signature and Title)*	/s/ R. Eric Chadwick R. Eric Chadwick, Chief Financial Officer, Treasurer and Vice President (principal financial officer)
Date 10/24/12	

* Print the name and title of each signing officer under his or her signature.