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Form N-Q  
October 23, 2007

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

Date of fiscal year end: November 30

Date of reporting period: August 31, 2007

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ITEM 1. SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS.

The Schedule(s) of Investments is attached herewith.

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

Beginning with issues arising in the subprime mortgage loan market, a well-publicized series of events has roiled financial markets over the past several months. The preferred stock market and closed-end funds have been particularly impacted, and, consequently, for the Fund's third fiscal quarter ended August 31, 2007, the Fund had a total return of -5.5% on the net asset value (NAV) of its Common Stock.

As we've discussed in prior letters, problems in the subprime mortgage loan market first bubbled up in January of this year. Throughout this year, the Fund has had no direct exposure to subprime loans, and we avoided investing in companies that had meaningful risks associated with the product. Our research team closely monitors the loan quality and underwriting standards of each financial company in the portfolio, and we invest only in companies that meet our quality thresholds. We're not perfect, but we believe that the Fund's portfolio is comprised of holdings in fundamentally sound companies.

In isolation, the impact of this weakness in the subprime loan market should have been limited to direct participants in this market; unfortunately, given the complexity of the financial system, few things happen in isolation. When the subprime problems became more pronounced several months ago, the fallout from this subprime weakness has been widespread and severe.

Fueled by low interest rates and relatively relaxed financing terms, a great deal more leverage had become built into the system than even just a few years ago. As investments directly associated with subprime mortgages declined significantly in value during the quarter, they became very illiquid. Highly-leveraged investors then were forced to sell other more liquid types of assets like investment-grade preferred and debt securities to meet redemptions or margin calls. Risk and liquidity premiums surged, indiscriminately taking yields on all credit instruments with them. In short, excess leverage created the financial powder keg and subprime loan problems provided the spark.

With yields on preferred securities rising more than yields on more senior debt securities, the prices of the securities in our portfolio fell as the supply of preferred securities exceeded demand. The rearview mirror is still a bit foggy, but it appears that much of the selling pressure came from hedge funds. Hedge funds had become the 800-pound gorilla in the credit markets recently, and although they've been forced to slim down, they can still have a big impact.

Hedge funds were not the only investors selling, but since they aren't required to disclose their preferred securities holdings, no one knows how extensive their selling pressure was. As a result, prospective buyers were extremely cautious because they feared additional selling would further depress prices. Wall Street brokers and dealers normally stand ready to provide liquidity to sellers, but they appeared reluctant to buy. Long-term investors like the Fund, as well as individual investors, insurance companies and pension funds, also stayed on the sidelines for the most part. During the quarter, and since it ended, we have added some positions at attractive levels, but we are continuing to take a go-slow approach.

Subprime fallout also extended to the market for short-term, or money-market, securities such as commercial paper and auction-rate securities. This market was in a state of disarray throughout August and into early September. Investors in money-market securities don't like risk, and, at the slightest hint of trouble, they pull their money out and invest in short-term government securities. While the perception of risk is real for a small segment of borrowers, the reaction seems to be disproportionate.

These disruptions in the short-term market impacted the Fund in two meaningful ways. First, they contributed to price weakness in many of the Fund's investments, particularly in financial companies.

While banks can fulfill their short-term financing needs with customer deposits and through the Federal Reserve, finance companies like broker-dealers need to rely on the short-term securities market to run their day-to-day operations. This market is like oxygen to most financial companies, and restricting their borrowing makes it more expensive for them to operate. We continue to believe that none of the financial companies in our portfolio face significant risks of default as a result of this increased cost of borrowing, but it has clearly impacted their earnings outlooks and the prices of their preferred securities.

Second, the rates paid by the Fund on its own auction-rate Preferred Stock have risen significantly as a direct result of liquidity problems in the financial markets. The frustrating irony is that the Fund's own Preferred Stock is of very high quality with a rating of AA and logic would dictate that rates should fall as investors seek out higher quality investments. This high quality is a function of the Investment Company Act (which governs the Fund) and the guidelines imposed by the rating agencies. As Kevin Conery, Merrill Lynch's Preferred Stock Strategist, recently observed about the Investment Company Act, "while some have criticized it for being too conservative for its 200% asset coverage test, at times like these in the market, we respect this discipline." While we are beginning to see some improvement in the auction rates of our Preferred Stock, and the recent interest rate cut by the Federal Reserve should help over the coming months, we haven't yet returned to more normalized auction rates.

The higher cost of our auction-rate Preferred Stock comes directly out of money available for distribution as the monthly Common Stock dividend. On the plus side, higher yields on preferred stock mean that we have been able to increase the income earned on the portfolio. It will take some time to see how these two offsetting factors affect income; in the meantime we are doing our best to manage both. Effective with the August dividend, we raised the dividend by 5% and we continue to be comfortable with that increased dividend payment; nonetheless, we strive to pay out a rate that is sustainable and will make adjustments as conditions warrant.

We have been through periods of fear and volatility before, and we remain optimistic about long-term prospects for the Fund. Such periods create opportunities to buy securities of sound companies at discounted prices, as many shorter-term investors exit the market by selling both good and bad investments. We expect both more rational pricing and reduced risk of early redemption of our portfolio securities as markets settle down - both of which should benefit future returns for long-term investors. In addition, our Preferred Stock auction rates are likely to normalize in due course, as the market begins to better recognize the credit quality of our Preferred Stock. While we cannot say with certainty when, or if, these things will happen, as managers we are doing our best to position the Fund to ride out the current storm and prepare for better days ahead.

In volatile market conditions like these, we may provide more frequent updates about the preferred securities market and the Fund's portfolio. We did so this past quarter by adding special Questions and Answers regarding the market price of the Fund's shares to the Fund's website at [WWW.PREFERREDINCOME.COM](http://WWW.PREFERREDINCOME.COM). We encourage you to stay informed as shareholders by periodically visiting the website for additional information about your Fund.

Sincerely,

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/s/ Donald F. Crumrine

/s/ Robert M. Ettinger

Donald F. Crumrine  
Chairman of the Board

Robert M. Ettinger  
President

October 17, 2007

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Flaherty & Crumrine Preferred Income Opportunity Fund Incorporated  
PORTFOLIO OVERVIEW  
AUGUST 31, 2007 (UNAUDITED)  
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FUND STATISTICS ON 08/31/07

Net Asset Value	\$	11.24
Market Price	\$	11.00
Discount		2.14%
Yield on Market Price		7.42%
Common Stock Shares Outstanding		11,736,346

MOODY'S RATINGS % OF PORTFOLIO

AA	3.5%
A	14.1%
BBB	57.2%
BB	14.3%
Not Rated	8.7%
Below Investment Grade*	16.3%

\* BELOW INVESTMENT GRADE BY BOTH MOODY'S AND S&P.

[THE FOLLOWING TABLE WAS REPRESENTED BY A PIE CHART IN THE PRINTED MATERIAL.]

INDUSTRY CATEGORIES % OF PORTFOLIO

Utilities	34%
Banking	24%
Insurance	16%
Financial Services	12%
Energy	8%
REITs	3%
Other	3%

TOP 10 HOLDINGS BY ISSUER % OF PORTFOLIO

Interstate Power & Light	5.1%
Liberty Mutual Group	4.1%
Xcel Energy	3.7%
First Republic Bank	3.3%
EOG Resources	3.2%
Public Storage	3.2%
CoBank ACB	3.1%
Banco Santander	3.0%
Goldman Sachs	2.9%
HSBC Plc	2.6%

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% OF PORTFOLIO\*\*

Holdings Generating Qualified Dividend Income (QDI) for Individuals	61%
Holdings Generating Income Eligible for the Corporate Dividend Received Deduction (DRD)	53%

\*\* THIS DOES NOT REFLECT YEAR-END RESULTS OR ACTUAL TAX CATEGORIZATION OF FUND DISTRIBUTIONS. THESE PERCENTAGES CAN, AND DO, CHANGE, PERHAPS SIGNIFICANTLY, DEPENDING ON MARKET CONDITIONS. INVESTORS SHOULD CONSULT THEIR TAX ADVISOR REGARDING THEIR PERSONAL SITUATION.

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PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS  
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PREFERRED SECURITIES -- 93.0%  
BANKING -- 23.9%

\$ 3,000,000	Astoria Capital Trust I, 9.75% 11/01/29, Series B
	Banco Santander:
17,000	Adj. Rate Pfd., 144A****
195,600	6.50% Pfd., 144A****
56,800	6.80% Pfd., 144A****
\$ 1,900,000	Capital One Capital III, 7.686% 08/15/36
\$ 3,000,000	CBG Florida REIT Corporation, 7.114%, 144A****
19,648	Citizens Funding Trust I, 7.50% Pfd. 09/15/66
	Cobank, ACB:
45,000	7.00% Pfd., 144A****
75,000	7.814% Pfd., 144A****
\$ 1,250,000	Comercia Capital Trust II, 6.576%, 02/30/37
4,500	FBOP Corporation, Adj. Rate Pfd., 144A****
\$ 2,250,000	First Hawaiian Capital I, 8.343% 07/01/27, Series B
	First Republic Bank:
200,000	6.25% Pfd.
5,000	6.70% Pfd.
890	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
5,000	HSBC Series II, Variable Inverse Pfd., Pvt.
2,500	HSBC USA, Inc., \$2.8575 Pfd.
7,000	ING Groep NV, 7.05% Pfd.
12,000	Keycorp Capital VIII, 7.00% Pfd. 06/15/66
45,000	Keycorp Capital IX, 6.75% Pfd. 12/15/66
28,000	PFGI Capital Corporation, 7.75% Pfd.
\$ 250,000	Regions Financing Trust II, 6.625%, 05/15/47
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

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		U.S. Bancorp, Auction Pass-Through Trust, Cl. B:
	9	Series 2006-5, Variable Rate Pfd., 144A**** .....
	9	Series 2006-6, Variable Rate Pfd., 144A**** .....
\$	900,000	Webster Capital Trust IV, 7.65% 06/15/37 .....

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PREFERRED SECURITIES -- (CONTINUED)  
 FINANCIAL SERVICES -- 11.2%

		CIT Group, Inc.:
\$	3,550,000	6.10% .....
	60,000	6.35% Pfd., Series A .....
	160,000	Countrywide Capital IV, 6.75% Pfd. ....
	12,000	Countrywide Capital V, 7.00% Pfd., 11/01/36 .....
		Goldman Sachs:
	11,000	Adj. Rate Pfd., Series A .....
	36,500	Cabco Trust Capital I, Adj. Rate Pfd. 02/15/34 .....
	25	Pass-Through Certificates, Class B, 144A**** .....
	3,500	STRIPES Custodial Receipts, Pvt. ....
		Merrill Lynch:
	83,000	Adj. Rate Pfd., Series 5 .....
	29,000	Adj. Rate Pfd., Series H .....
	3,000	Series II STRIPES Custodial Receipts, Pvt. ....
		SLM Corporation:
	94,150	6.97% Pfd., Series A .....
	4,000	Adj. Rate Pfd., Series B .....

INSURANCE -- 13.6%

	48,800	ACE Ltd., 7.80% Pfd., Series C .....
\$	4,250,000	AON Capital Trust A, 8.205% 01/01/27 .....
		Arch Capital Group Ltd.:
	10,000	7.875% Pfd., Series B .....
	24,400	8.00% Pfd., Series A .....
\$	2,500,000	AXA SA, 6.463%, 144A**** .....
		Axis Capital Holdings:
	12,100	7.25% Pfd., Series A .....
	24,700	7.50% Pfd., Series B .....
	22,300	Berkley W.R. Capital Trust II, 6.75% Pfd. 07/26/45 .....
	75,000	Delphi Financial Group, 7.376% Pfd. 05/15/37 .....
	5,750	Everest Re Capital Trust II, 6.20% Pfd., Series B .....

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\$	935,000	Everest Re Holdings, 6.60%, 05/15/37 .....
\$	4,500,000	Liberty Mutual Group, 7.80% 03/15/37, 144A**** .....
	29,350	MetLife, Inc., Adj. Rate Pfd., Series A .....
\$	511,000	Provident Financing Trust I, 7.405% 03/15/38 .....
		Renaissancere Holdings Ltd.:
	27,950	6.08% Pfd., Series C .....
	79,100	6.60% Pfd., Series D .....

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PREFERRED SECURITIES -- (CONTINUED)  
 INSURANCE -- (CONTINUED)

	115,500	Scottish Re Group Ltd., 7.25% Pfd. ....
\$	1,060,000	USF&G Capital, 8.312% 07/01/46, 144A**** .....
\$	1,888,000	XL Capital Ltd., 6.50%, Series E .....

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 UTILITIES -- 32.6%  
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		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 .....
	74,270	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. ....
		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 .....
	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. ....

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	Entergy Mississippi, Inc.:
4,616	4.36% Pfd. ....
5,000	4.92% Pfd. ....
4,400	Florida Power Company, 4.75% Pfd. ....
68,500	FPC Capital I, 7.10% Pfd., Series A ....
8,900	Georgia Power, 6.125% Pfd. ....

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PREFERRED SECURITIES -- (CONTINUED)  
 UTILITIES -- (CONTINUED)  
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	Great Plains Energy, Inc.:
1,625	4.20% Pfd. ....
2,000	4.35% Pfd. ....
	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 ....
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. ....
	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. ....
1,250	PECO Energy Company, \$4.30 Pfd., Series B ....
\$ 1,500,000	PECO Energy Capital Trust III, 7.38% 04/06/28, 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. ....
11,300	Southern California Edison, 6.00% Pfd. ....
	Southern Union Company:
\$ 700,000	7.20% 11/01/66 ....
51,750	7.55% Pfd. ....
\$ 750,000	TXU Electric Capital V, 8.175% 01/30/37 ....



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	Union Electric Company:
5,700	4.56% Pfd. ....
10,156	\$7.64 Pfd. ....

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

	Virginia Electric & Power Company:
1,665	\$4.04 Pfd. ....
2,470	\$4.20 Pfd. ....
1,673	\$4.80 Pfd. ....
3,878	\$6.98 Pfd. ....
12,500	\$7.05 Pfd. ....
58,100	Virginia Power Capital Trust, 7.375% Pfd. 07/30/42 .....
2,262	Washington Gas & Light Company, \$4.25 Pfd. ....
\$ 1,700,000	Wisconsin Energy Corporation, 6.25%, 05/15/67 .....
	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 .....

ENERGY -- 5.8%

8,000	Devon Energy Corporation, 6.49% Pfd., Series A .....
\$ 2,500,000	Enterprise Products Partners, 7.034%, 01/15/68 .....
6,125	EOG Resources, Inc., 7.195% Pfd., Series B .....
\$ 1,200,000	KN Capital Trust III, 7.63% 04/15/28 .....
10,000	Lasmo America Limited, 8.15% Pfd., 144A**** .....

REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST (REIT) -- 3.4%

12,600	BRE Properties, Inc., 6.75% Pfd., Series D .....
1,000	Equity Residential Properties, 8.29% Pfd., Series K .....
	Public Storage, Inc.:
121,975	6.45% Pfd., Series F .....
97,700	6.625% Pfd., Series M .....
10,500	6.75% Pfd., Series E .....
5,500	6.75% Pfd., Series L .....
4,500	6.95% Pfd., Series H .....

40,100 7.25% Pfd., Series K .....

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PREFERRED SECURITIES -- (CONTINUED)

MISCELLANEOUS INDUSTRIES -- 2.1%

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\*\*\*\* .....

U.S. GOVERNMENT SECURITIES -- 0.4%

Freddie Mac:

9,500 5.00%, Series F .....  
 20,000 5.66%, Series W .....

TOTAL PREFERRED SECURITIES

(Cost \$188,161,522) .....

CORPORATE DEBT SECURITIES -- 6.2%

FINANCIAL SERVICES -- 0.8%

\$ 1,600,000 Lehman Brothers Holdings, 6.875% 07/17/37, Sub. Note .....

INSURANCE -- 2.5%

\$ 900,000 Farmers Exchange Capital, 7.20% 07/15/48, 144A\*\*\*\* .....  
 \$ 4,417,000 Liberty Mutual Insurance, 7.697% 10/15/97, 144A\*\*\*\* .....

UTILITIES -- 1.0%

\$ 1,000,000 Duke Capital Corporation, 8.00% 10/01/19, Senior Notes .....  
 10,000 Entergy Louisiana LLC, 7.60% 04/01/32 .....  
 30,500 PPL Capital Funding, Inc., 6.85% 07/01/47 .....

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ENERGY -- 1.9%

\$ 2,450,000	KN Energy, Inc., 7.45% 03/01/98 .....
71,900	Nexen, Inc., 7.35% Subordinated Notes .....

TOTAL CORPORATE DEBT SECURITIES  
(Cost \$12,898,640) .....

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OPTION CONTRACTS -- 0.0%

470	December Put Options on December U.S. Treasury Bond Futures, Expiring 11/20/07
930	October Put Options on December U.S. Treasury Bond Futures, Expiring 09/21/07

TOTAL OPTION CONTRACTS  
(Cost \$174,307) .....

MONEY MARKET FUND -- 0.2%

382,732	BlackRock Provident Institutional, TempFund .....
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TOTAL MONEY MARKET FUND  
(Cost \$382,732) .....

SECURITIES LENDING COLLATERAL -- 0.7%

1,383,200	Institutional Money Market Trust .....
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TOTAL SECURITIES LENDING COLLATERAL  
(Cost \$1,383,200) .....

TOTAL INVESTMENTS (Cost \$203,000,401\*\*\*) .....

OTHER ASSETS AND LIABILITIES (Net) .....

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

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

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

\* Securities eligible for the Dividends Received Deduction and distributing

- Qualified Dividend Income.
- \*\* 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 securities may be resold in transactions exempt from registration to qualified institutional buyers. These securities have been determined to be liquid under the guidelines established by the Board of Directors.
- (1) Foreign Issuer.
- (2) Security on loan.
- + Non-income producing.
- ++ 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

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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, 2006 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2007 (UNAUDITED)  
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OPERATIONS:

Net investment income .....	\$ 9
Net realized gain/(loss) on investments sold during the period .....	
Change in net unrealized appreciation/depreciation of investments held during the period .....	(15)
Distributions to MMP(R)* Shareholders from net investment income, including changes in accumulated undeclared distributions .....	(2)
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NET DECREASE IN NET ASSETS RESULTING FROM OPERATIONS .....	(9)

DISTRIBUTIONS:

Dividends paid from net investment income to Common Stock Shareholders(2) .....	(6)
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TOTAL DISTRIBUTIONS TO COMMON STOCK SHAREHOLDERS .....	(6)

FUND SHARE TRANSACTIONS:

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

NET DECREASE IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE TO COMMON STOCK FOR THE PERIOD .....	\$ (15)
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NET ASSETS AVAILABLE TO COMMON STOCK:

Beginning of period .....	\$ 147
Net decrease in net assets during the period .....	(15)
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End of period .....	\$ 131
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- \* Money Market Cumulative Preferred(TM) Stock.
  - (1) These tables summarize the nine months ended August 31, 2007 and should be read in conjunction with the Fund's audited financial statements, including footnotes, in its Annual Report dated November 30, 2006.
  - (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, 2006 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2007 (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 ..... 11

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, 2007 and should be read in conjunction with the Fund's audited financial statements, including footnotes, in its Annual Report dated November 30, 2006.

- \* Money Market Cumulative Preferred (TM) Stock.
- \*\* Annualized.
- \*\*\* Not Annualized

- + The net investment income ratios reflect income net of operating expenses and payments to MMP(R)\* Shareholders.
- ++ Information presented under heading Supplemental Data includes MMP(R)\*.

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Flaherty & Crumrine Preferred Income Opportunity Fund Incorporated  
FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS (CONTINUED)  
PER SHARE OF COMMON STOCK (UNAUDITED)

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	TOTAL DIVIDENDS PAID	NET ASSET VALUE	NYSE CLOSING PRICE	DIVIDEND REINVESTMENT PRICE (1)
December 31, 2006 .....	\$0.0650	\$12.39	\$12.36	\$12.39
January 31, 2007 .....	0.0650	12.42	12.39	12.42
February 28, 2007 .....	0.0650	12.60	12.61	12.60
March 31, 2007 .....	0.0650	12.32	12.66	12.32
April 30, 2007 .....	0.0650	12.33	12.62	12.33
May 31, 2007 .....	0.0650	12.10	12.13	12.10
June 30, 2007 .....	0.0650	11.97	12.00	11.97
July 31, 2007 .....	0.0650	11.55	11.46	11.39
August 31, 2007 .....	0.0680	11.24	11.00	11.04

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(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.

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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, 2007, the aggregate cost of securities for federal income tax purposes was \$203,135,259, the aggregate gross unrealized appreciation for all securities in which there is an excess of value over tax cost was \$8,564,450, and the aggregate gross unrealized depreciation for all securities in which there is an excess of tax cost over value was \$9,487,113.

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David Gale  
Morgan Gust  
Karen H. Hogan  
Robert F. Wulf, CFA

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Assistant Secretary

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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 --  
PFPC Inc.  
P.O. Box 43027  
Providence, RI 02940-3027  
1-800-331-1710

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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

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

Date October 16, 2007

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

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

Date October 16, 2007

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)



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Date

October 16, 2007

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