ClearBridge Energy MLP Fund Inc. Form N-Q October 21, 2015

### **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 811-22405

# ClearBridge Energy MLP Fund Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

620 Eighth Avenue, 49th Floor, New York, NY 10018

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

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Registrant s telephone number, including area code: 1-888-777-0102

Date of fiscal year end: November 30

Date of reporting period: August 31, 2015

### ITEM 1. SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS.

## CLEARBRIDGE ENERGY MLP FUND INC.

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AUGUST 31, 2015

#### CLEARBRIDGE ENERGY MLP FUND INC.

Natural Gas Transportation & Storage - 14.5%

Columbia Pipeline Partners LP

TC Pipelines LP

Williams Partners LP

Schedule of investments (unaudited)		August 31, 2015
SECURITY MASTER LIMITED PARTNERSHIPS - 162.8%	SHARES/UNITS	VALUE
Diversified Energy Infrastructure - 49.8%		
Energy Transfer Equity LP	8,303,156	\$ 232,903,526
Energy Transfer Partners LP	2,460,956	120,931,378
Enterprise Products Partners LP	7,599,438	213,620,202
Genesis Energy LP	2,098,551	91,622,736
ONEOK Partners LP	2,191,911	70,908,321
Plains GP Holdings LP, Class A Shares	1,581,390	30,979,430
Total Diversified Energy Infrastructure		760,965,593
Gathering/Processing - 33.8%		
Antero Midstream Partners LP	1,299,435	30,094,915
Blueknight Energy Partners LP	53,989	334,732
Cone Midstream Partners LP	1,272,880	14,549,018
Crestwood Midstream Partners LP	1,268,338	9,905,720
DCP Midstream Partners LP	2,481,112	69,967,358
Enable Midstream Partners LP	1,526,301	23,688,192
EnLink Midstream Partners LP	4,270,315	75,285,653
MarkWest Energy Partners LP	2,782,678	156,859,559
Targa Resources Partners LP	2,380,138	71,856,366
Western Gas Partners LP	1,078,216	63,431,447
Total Gathering/Processing		515,972,960
General Partner - 3.9%		
EQT GP Holdings LP	1,042,800	33,911,856
Tallgrass Energy GP LP	883,150	25,258,090
Total General Partner		59,169,946
Global Infrastructure - 7.2%		
Brookfield Infrastructure Partners LP	2,775,413	109,628,814
Liquids Transportation & Storage - 47.4%		
Buckeye Partners LP	2,056,760	144,837,039
Enbridge Energy Partners LP	3,960,458	112,001,753
Holly Energy Partners LP	900,440	31,137,215
Magellan Midstream Partners LP	2,370,760	167,304,533
PBF Logistics LP	1,270,000	26,352,500
Plains All American Pipeline LP	3,844,451	138,630,903
Sunoco Logistics Partners LP	1,955,860	66,166,744
Tesoro Logistics LP	717,178	37,874,170
Total Liquids Transportation & Storage		724,304,857
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71,696,158

48,418,117

101,742,350

3,615,540

2,553,133

896,964

Total Natural Gas Transportation & Storage		221,856,625
Oil/Refined Products - 2.1%		
Rose Rock Midstream LP	1,017,739	31,621,151
Refining - 0.3%		
Western Refining Logistics LP	200,690	5,205,899
Shipping - 3.8%		
Golar LNG Partners LP	381,069	7,533,734
Teekay LNG Partners LP	1,416,078	37,653,514
Teekay Offshore Partners LP	744,087	13,170,340
Total Shipping		58,357,588
TOTAL MASTER LIMITED PARTNERSHIPS		
(Cost - \$1,747,038,171)		2,487,083,433

See Notes to Schedule of Investments.

#### CLEARBRIDGE ENERGY MLP FUND INC.

Schedule of investments (unaudited) (cont d)				August 31, 2015
SECURITY COMMON STOCKS - 15.2% ENERGY - 12.6%			SHARES	VALUE
Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels - 12.6% Kinder Morgan Inc.			5,941,311	\$ 192,557,889
INDUSTRIALS - 2.6% Transportation Infrastructure - 2.6% Macquarie Infrastructure Corp.			510,930	40,220,410
TOTAL COMMON STOCKS (Cost - \$177,597,584)				232,778,299
<b>TOTAL INVESTMENTS BEFORE SHORT-TERM INVESTMENTS</b> (Cost - \$1,924,635,755)				2,719,861,732
SHORT-TERM INVESTMENTS - 0.8%	RATE	MATURITY DATE	FACE AMOUNT	
Repurchase Agreements - 0.8% State Street Bank & Trust Co. repurchase agreement dated 8/31/15; Proceeds at maturity - \$12,302,000; (Fully collateralized by U.S. Treasury Notes, 1.750% due 5/15/22; Market value - \$12,552,750) (Cost - \$12,302,000)	0.000%	9/1/15	\$ 12,302,000	12,302,000
TOTAL INVESTMENTS** - 178.8% (Cost - \$1,936,937,755#) Mandatory Redeemable Preferred Stock, at Liquidation				2,732,163,732
Value - (13.1)% Liabilities in Excess of Other Assets - (65.7)%				(200,000,000) (1,003,842,411)
TOTAL NET ASSETS APPLICABLE TO COMMON SHAREHOLDERS - 100.0%				\$ 1,528,321,321

This Schedule of Investments is unaudited and is intended to provide information about the Fund s portfolio holdings as of the date of the schedule. Other information regarding the Fund is available in the Fund s most recent annual or semi-annual shareholder report.

See Notes to Schedule of Investments.

<sup>\*\*</sup> The entire portfolio is subject to lien, granted to the lender and Senior Note holders, to the extent of the borrowing outstanding and any additional expenses.

<sup>#</sup> Aggregate cost for federal income tax purposes is substantially the same.

#### Notes to Schedule of Investments (unaudited)

#### 1. Organization and significant accounting policies

ClearBridge Energy MLP Fund Inc. (the Fund ) was incorporated in Maryland on March 31, 2010 and is registered as a non-diversified, closed-end management investment company under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the 1940 Act ). The Board of Directors authorized 100 million shares of \$0.001 par value common stock. The Fund s investment objective is to provide a high level of total return with an emphasis on cash distributions. The Fund seeks to achieve its objective by investing primarily in master limited partnerships (MLPs) in the energy sector. There can be no assurance that the Fund will achieve its investment objective.

Under normal market conditions, the Fund will invest at least 80% of its Managed Assets in MLPs in the energy sector (the 80% policy). For purposes of the 80% policy, the Fund considers investments in MLPs to include investments that offer economic exposure to public and private MLPs in the form of equity securities of MLPs, securities of entities holding primarily general partner or managing member interests in MLPs, securities that are derivatives of interests in MLPs, including I-Shares, exchange-traded funds that primarily hold MLP interests and debt securities of MLPs. The Fund considers an entity to be within the energy sector if it derives at least 50% of its revenues from the business of exploring, developing, producing, gathering, transporting, processing, storing, refining, distributing, mining or marketing of natural gas, natural gas liquids (including propane), crude oil, refined petroleum products or coal. Managed Assets means net assets plus the amount of any borrowings and assets attributable to any preferred stock of the Fund that may be outstanding.

The following are significant accounting policies consistently followed by the Fund and are in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles ( GAAP ).

(a) Investment valuation. Equity securities for which market quotations are available are valued at the last reported sales price or official closing price on the primary market or exchange on which they trade. The valuations for fixed income securities (which may include, but are not limited to, corporate, government, municipal, mortgage-backed, collateralized mortgage obligations and asset-backed securities) and certain derivative instruments are typically the prices supplied by independent third party pricing services, which may use market prices or broker/dealer quotations or a variety of valuation techniques and methodologies. The independent third party pricing services use inputs that are observable such as issuer details, interest rates, yield curves, prepayment speeds, credit risks/spreads, default rates and quoted prices for similar securities. Short-term fixed income securities that will mature in 60 days or less are valued at amortized cost, unless it is determined that using this method would not reflect an investment s fair value. If independent third party pricing services are unable to supply prices for a portfolio investment, or if the prices supplied are deemed by the manager to be unreliable, the market price may be determined by the manager using quotations from one or more broker/dealers or at the transaction price if the security has recently been purchased and no value has yet been obtained from a pricing service or pricing broker. When reliable prices are not readily available, such as when the value of a security has been significantly affected by events after the close of the exchange or market on which the security is principally traded, but before the Fund calculates its net asset value, the Fund values these securities as determined in accordance with procedures approved by the Fund s Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors is responsible for the valuation process and has delegated the supervision of the daily valuation process to the Legg Mason North Atlantic Fund Valuation Committee (formerly, Legg Mason North American Fund Valuation Committee) (the Valuation Committee). The Valuation Committee, pursuant to the policies adopted by the Board of Directors, is responsible for making fair value determinations, evaluating the effectiveness of the Fund s pricing policies, and reporting to the Board of Directors. When determining the reliability of third party pricing information for investments owned by the Fund, the Valuation Committee, among other things, conducts due diligence reviews of pricing vendors, monitors the daily change in prices and reviews transactions among market participants.

The Valuation Committee will consider pricing methodologies it deems relevant and appropriate when making fair value determinations. Examples of possible methodologies include, but are not limited to, multiple of earnings; discount from market of a similar freely traded security; discounted cash-flow analysis; book value or a multiple thereof; risk premium/yield analysis; yield to maturity; and/or fundamental investment analysis. The Valuation Committee will also consider factors it deems relevant and appropriate in light of the facts and circumstances. Examples of possible factors include, but are not limited to, the type of security; the issuer s financial statements; the purchase price of the security; the discount from market value of unrestricted securities of the same class at the time of purchase; analysts research and observations from financial institutions; information regarding any transactions or offers with respect to the security; the existence of merger proposals or tender offers affecting the security; the price and extent of public trading in similar securities of the issuer or comparable companies; and the existence of a shelf registration for restricted securities.

#### Notes to Schedule of Investments (unaudited) (continued)

For each portfolio security that has been fair valued pursuant to the policies adopted by the Board of Directors, the fair value price is compared against the last available and next available market quotations. The Valuation Committee reviews the results of such back testing monthly and fair valuation occurrences are reported to the Board of Directors quarterly.

The Fund uses valuation techniques to measure fair value that are consistent with the market approach and/or income approach, depending on the type of security and the particular circumstance. The market approach uses prices and other relevant information generated by market transactions involving identical or comparable securities. The income approach uses valuation techniques to discount estimated future cash flows to present value.

GAAP establishes a disclosure hierarchy that categorizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to value assets and liabilities at measurement date. These inputs are summarized in the three broad levels listed below:

Level 1 quoted prices in active markets for identical investments

Level 2 other significant observable inputs (including quoted prices for similar investments, 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 methodologies used to value securities are not necessarily an indication of the risk associated with investing in those securities.

The following is a summary of the inputs used in valuing the Fund s assets carried at fair value:

	ASSET	S		
DESCRIPTION	QUOTED PRICES (LEVEL 1)	OTHER SIGNIFICANT OBSERVABLE INPUTS (LEVEL 2)	SIGNIFICANT UNOBSERVABLE INPUTS (LEVEL 3)	TOTAL
Long-term investments:				
Master limited partnerships	\$ 2,487,083,433			\$ 2,487,083,433
Common stocks	232,778,299			232,778,299
Total long-term investments	\$ 2,719,861,732			\$ 2,719,861,732
Short-term investments		\$ 12,302,000		12,302,000
Total investments	\$ 2,719,861,732	\$ 12,302,000		\$ 2,732,163,732

See Schedule of Investments for additional detailed categorizations.

#### 2. Investments

At August 31, 2015, the aggregate gross unrealized appreciation and depreciation of investments for federal income tax purposes were substantially as follows:

Gross unrealized appreciation Gross unrealized depreciation	\$ 918,193,448 (122,967,471)
Net unrealized appreciation	\$ 795,225,977

#### ITEM 2. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES.

- (a) The registrant s principal executive officer and principal financial officer 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 )) are effective as of a date within 90 days of the filing date of this report that includes the disclosure required by this paragraph, based on their evaluation of the disclosure controls and procedures required by Rule 30a-3(b) under the 1940 Act and 15d-15(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.
- (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) that occurred during the registrant s last fiscal quarter that have materially affected, or are likely to materially affect the registrant s internal control over financial reporting.

#### ITEM 3. EXHIBITS.

Certifications pursuant to Rule 30a-2(a) under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, 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.

ClearBridge Energy MLP Fund Inc.

By /s/ JANE TRUST
Jane Trust
Chief Executive Officer

Date: October 21, 2015

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 /s/ Jane Trust
Jane Trust
Chief Executive Officer

Date: October 21, 2015

By /s/ RICHARD F. SENNETT
Richard F. Sennett
Principal Financial Officer

Date: October 21, 2015