TORTOISE PIPELINE & ENERGY FUND, INC.

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Pipeline & Energy Fund, Inc.

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## Company at a glance

Tortoise believes Tortoise Pipeline & Energy Fund, Inc. (NYSE: TTP) is the first closed-end fund that focuses particularly on the broader \$400 billion+ North American pipeline universe.

#### Investment strategy

TTP seeks to provide stockholders with a high level of total return, with an emphasis on current distributions. Our fund focuses particularly on North American pipeline companies that transport natural gas, natural gas liquids, crude oil and refined products, and to a lesser extent, on other energy infrastructure companies.

Because of our traditional tax flow-through nature as a regulated investment company (RIC), we have the differentiated ability and flexibility to efficiently target and access traditional pipeline corporations alongside master limited partnerships (MLPs). Over 75 percent of our portfolio will generally be in companies structured as corporations or limited liability companies domiciled in the United States, Canada or United Kingdom with the remaining up to 25 percent in MLPs. We believe the broader North American pipeline universe offers strong business fundamentals and expanded growth opportunities.

We also write (sell) covered call options to seek to enhance long-term return potential across economic environments, increase current income and mitigate portfolio risk through option income. Our covered call strategy focuses on other energy infrastructure companies that we believe are integral links in the value chain for pipeline companies.

#### TTP seeks to provide:

Attractive total return potential with high current income in a defensive sector

Access to real, long-lived pipeline assets essential to the functioning of the US economy

Exposure to expanded energy infrastructure growth projects that connect new areas of supply with demand

Ability to efficiently invest across North American pipeline universe through traditional tax flow-through fund structure

Investor simplicity through one 1099, no K-1s, no unrelated business taxable income, IRA suitability

Expertise of Tortoise Capital Advisors, a leading and pioneering energy infrastructure investment firm

Portfolio statistics by ownership structure

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#### Dear Fellow Stockholders,

Following some weakness in December, the calendar year kicked off with a broad-based rally as most equity markets around the world responded favorably to Washington's successful avoidance of the fiscal cliff. Bullish economic data in the U.S. housing market, strong corporate earnings, continued low interest rates and an uptick in manufacturing further bolstered investor confidence. Momentum continued throughout the quarter, with the markets largely ignoring a second potential cliff—sequestration which resulted from ongoing political gridlock in our nation—s capital.

Likewise, our fiscal quarter ended Feb. 28, 2013 was a strong one for pipeline companies, which continued to demonstrate healthy growth, produce steady cash flows and benefit from increasing North American energy production.

### Pipeline sector review and outlook

During our first fiscal quarter, the Tortoise North American Pipeline Index<sup>SM</sup> posted an 8.0 percent total return, with the bulk of the performance delivered in January as markets rebounded due to greater clarity as the first fiscal cliff was averted. Reversing last year s relative underperformance, pipeline companies outperformed the S&P 500 Inde®, which gained 7.6 percent in total return for the same period.

The dramatic change taking place in North American energy production continues to be a significant driver of growth for the midstream portion of the energy value chain and, more specifically, pipeline companies. U.S. crude oil production is increasingly displacing imports, with production up 40 percent since 2008, as noted by the IHS, a global provider of market and economic information. According to the U.S. Energy Information Administration, the U.S. is expected to produce 7.3 million barrels per day in 2013, up from 6.5 million in 2012. This vigorous activity continues to spur aggressive pipeline infrastructure build-out. We project more than \$87 billion in total pipeline projects through 2014.

Capital markets remained very active and supportive, as MLP and pipeline companies raised approximately \$11.2 billion in equity and \$13.0 billion in debt in the first fiscal quarter. Merger and acquisition (M&A) also has been healthy. A total of \$17.9 billion in MLP and pipeline transactions was announced during the fiscal quarter, the largest of which was Kinder Morgan Energy Partners \$5 billion pending acquisition of Copano Energy, L.L.C., a gathering and processing MLP. The deal s healthy premium drove further M&A speculation in the gathering and processing sector during the guarter.

### **Fund performance review**

Our total assets, net of pending trades, increased from \$335.9 million on Nov. 30, 2012, to \$361.5 million on Feb. 28, 2013, resulting primarily from market appreciation of our investments. Our market-based total return to stockholders for the first fiscal quarter was 14.1 percent and our NAV-based total return was 11.0 percent per share (both including the reinvestment of distributions). The difference between our market value total return as compared to our NAV total return reflected a narrowing in the market s discount of our stock price relative to our NAV during the period.

During the quarter, our positive asset performance was driven by our exposure to gathering and processing pipeline companies, which were helped by the aforementioned M&A activity and sector speculation as well as by increased natural gas liquids volumes. Our investments in refined product pipeline companies also contributed positively to performance, as they benefitted from an inflation escalator and stable demand. Our exposure to independent energy companies with ancillary businesses supporting our covered call strategy also positively influenced performance during the quarter. Although a low volatility environment reduced our relative net call option premium income, we maintained our average out-of-the-money percentage.

We also completed direct placement investments in Inergy Midstream, L.P. and Rose Rock Midstream, L.P., which together totaled \$2.6 million. Inergy Midstream is a natural gas storage and transportation business acquiring logistical assets in the Bakken, while Rose Rock Midstream is a crude oil gathering, transportation and storage business that is acquiring an interest in a pipeline linking the Niobrara shale in the Rockies to Cushing, Okla.

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We paid a distribution of \$0.4075 per common share (\$1.63 annualized) to our stockholders on March 1, 2013, in line with the previous quarter s distribution and an increase of 0.3 percent year over year. This distribution represented an annualized yield of 6.0 percent based on our fiscal quarter closing price of \$27.15. We will provide expectations for the tax characterization of our 2013 distributions later in the year. A final determination of the characterization will be made in January 2014.

We ended the first fiscal quarter with leverage (including bank debt, senior notes and preferred stock) at 22.0 percent of total assets, below our long-term target of 25 percent. This provides us flexibility in managing the portfolio across market cycles and allows us to add leverage when compelling opportunities arise. As of Feb. 28, 2013, our leverage had a weighted average maturity of 4.3 years and a weighted average cost of 3.03 percent, with approximately 69 percent at fixed rates.

Additional information about our financial performance is available in the Key Financial Data and Management s Discussion sections of this report.

#### Conclusion

Please join us for our annual stockholders meeting on May 30, 2013 at 10 a.m. Central time at our offices located at 11550 Ash St., Suite 300, in Leawood, Kan. If you are unable to attend the meeting, you can join us via the closed-end fund section of our Web site at www.tortoiseadvisors.com. We have recently redesigned the site to better serve you, and we welcome your feedback about its new features and functionality.

Sincerely,

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The Tortoise North American Pipeline Index<sup>SM</sup> is a float-adjusted, capitalization-weighted index of pipeline companies domiciled in the U.S. and Canada. The S&P 500 Index<sup>®</sup> is an unmanaged market-value weighted index of stocks, which is widely regarded as the standard for measuring large-cap U.S. stock market performance.

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Key Financial Data (supplemental unaudited information) (dollar amounts in thousands unless otherwise indicated)

The information presented below regarding Distributable Cash Flow and Selected Financial Information is supplemental non-GAAP financial information, which we believe is meaningful to understanding our operating performance. The Distributable Cash Flow Ratios include the functional equivalent of EBITDA for non-investment companies, and we believe they are an important supplemental measure of performance and promote comparisons from period-to-period. This information is supplemental, is not inclusive of required financial disclosures (e.g. Total Expense Ratio), and should be read in conjunction with our full financial statements.

|   | 2012              |         |      |        |      |         |     |         | 201  | 3       |
|---|-------------------|---------|------|--------|------|---------|-----|---------|------|---------|
|   | Q1 <sup>(1)</sup> |         | Q2(  | 1)     | Q3   | (1)     | Q4  | ļ(1)    | Q1(  | 1)      |
| Total Income from Investments                       |                   |         |      |        |      |         |     |         |      |         |
| Distributions received from investments             | \$ 2              | ,843    | \$   | 2,902  | \$   | 2,952   | \$  | 3,042   | \$   | 3,031   |
| Less foreign withholding taxes                      |                   | (53)    |      | (49)   |      | (49)    |     | (50)    |      | (49)    |
| Dividends paid in stock                             |                   | 500     |      | 517    |      | 537     |     | 553     |      | 570     |
| Net premiums on options written                     | 2                 | ,261    |      | 2,231  |      | 2,189   |     | 1,946   |      | 1,728   |
| Interest and dividend income                        |                   | 3       |      |        |      |         |     | 1       |      |         |
| Total from investments                              | 5                 | ,554    |      | 5,601  |      | 5,629   |     | 5,492   |      | 5,280   |
| Operating Expenses Before Leverage Costs            |                   |         |      |        |      |         |     |         |      |         |
| Advisory fees, net of fees waived                   |                   | 693     |      | 714    |      | 694     |     | 718     |      | 759     |
| Other operating expenses                            |                   | 156     |      | 126    |      | 137     |     | 124     |      | 146     |
|   |                   | 849     |      | 840    |      | 831     |     | 842     |      | 905     |
| Distributable cash flow before leverage costs       | 4                 | ,705    |      | 4,761  |      | 4,798   |     | 4,650   |      | 4,375   |
| Leverage costs <sup>(2)</sup>                       |                   | 599     |      | 629    |      | 629     |     | 632     |      | 625     |
| Distributable Cash Flow(3)                          | \$ 4              | ,106    | \$   | 4,132  | \$   | 4,169   | \$  | 4,018   | \$   | 3,750   |
| Net realized gain (loss) on investments             | •                 | ,       | •    | .,     | •    | .,      | *   | 1,010   | •    | -,      |
| and foreign currency translation,                   |                   |         |      |        |      |         |     |         |      |         |
| for the period                                      | \$                | (961)   | \$   | (7)    | \$   | (442)   | \$  | 10.854  | \$   | 1,296   |
| As a percent of average total assets <sup>(4)</sup> | Ψ                 | (001)   | Ψ    | (1)    | Ψ    | (1.2)   | Ψ   | 10,001  | Ψ    | 1,200   |
| Total from investments                              |                   | 6.73%   |      | 6.60%  |      | 6.83%   |     | 6.48%   |      | 6.13%   |
| Operating expenses before leverage costs            |                   | 1.03%   |      | 0.99%  |      | 1.01%   |     | 0.99%   |      | 1.05%   |
| Distributable cash flow before leverage costs       |                   | 5.70%   |      | 5.61%  |      | 5.82%   |     | 5.49%   |      | 5.08%   |
| As a percent of average net assets <sup>(4)</sup>   |                   | J.70 /0 |      | 3.0170 |      | 3.02 /6 |     | 3.4376  |      | 3.00 /0 |
| Total from investments                              |                   | 8.81%   |      | 8.69%  |      | 9.10%   |     | 8.52%   |      | 8.05%   |
| Operating expenses before leverage costs            |                   | 1.35%   |      | 1.30%  |      | 1.34%   |     | 1.31%   |      | 1.38%   |
| Leverage costs and current taxes                    |                   | 0.95%   |      | 0.98%  |      | 1.02%   |     | 0.98%   |      | 0.95%   |
| Distributable cash flow                             |                   | 6.51%   |      | 6.41%  |      | 6.74%   |     | 6.23%   |      | 5.72%   |
| Distributable cash now                              |                   | 0.51 /6 |      | 0.41/6 |      | 0.7476  |     | 0.23 /6 |      | J.12/0  |
| Selected Financial Information                      |                   |         |      |        |      |         |     |         |      |         |
| Distributions paid on common stock                  |                   | ,064    | \$   | 4,064  | \$   | 4,077   | \$  | 4,077   | \$_  | 4,077   |
| Distributions paid on common stock per share        |                   | 0625    |      | .40625 |      | 0.40750 |     | 0.40750 |      | .40750  |
| Total assets, end of period                         |                   | ,953    |      | 19,074 |      | 334,671 |     | 374,855 |      | 61,540  |
| Average total assets during period <sup>(5)</sup>   |                   | ,879    |      | 37,565 | (    | 327,931 |     | 340,698 |      | 49,310  |
| Leverage <sup>(6)</sup>                             |                   | ,200    | _    | 75,700 |      | 77,100  |     | 81,600  | _    | 79,700  |
| Leverage as a percent of total assets               |                   | 21.7%   |      | 23.7%  |      | 23.0%   |     | 21.8%   |      | 22.0%   |
| Net unrealized appreciation, end of period          | 32                | ,630    |      | 6,977  |      | 24,357  |     | 16,909  |      | 43,584  |
| Net assets, end of period                           | 265               | ,034    | 2    | 37,754 | 2    | 251,748 |     | 252,508 | 2    | 76,211  |
| Average net assets during period <sup>(7)</sup>     |                   | ,480    | 2    | 56,553 | 2    | 245,989 |     | 259,294 | 2    | 66,070  |
| Net asset value per common share                    | 2                 | 6.49    |      | 23.77  |      | 25.16   |     | 25.24   |      | 27.61   |
| Market value per common share                       | 2                 | 4.92    |      | 23.24  |      | 25.00   |     | 24.15   |      | 27.15   |
| Shares outstanding (actual)                         | 10,004            | ,200    | 10,0 | 04,200 | 10,0 | 004,200 | 10, | 004,200 | 10,0 | 04,200  |

<sup>(1)</sup> Q1 is the period from December through February. Q2 is the period from March through May. Q3 is the period from June through August. Q4 is the period from September through November.

<sup>(2)</sup> Leverage costs include interest expense, distributions to preferred stockholders and other recurring leverage expenses.

<sup>(3)</sup> Net investment income on the Statement of Operations is adjusted as follows to reconcile to Distributable Cash Flow (DCF): increased by net premiums on options written, the return of capital on MLP distributions, the value of paid-in-kind distributions, and amortization of debt issuance costs.

<sup>(4)</sup> Annualized for periods less than one full year.

<sup>(5)</sup> Computed by averaging month-end values within each period.

<sup>(6)</sup> Leverage consists of long-term debt obligations, preferred stock and short-term borrowings.

<sup>(7)</sup> Computed by averaging daily net assets for the period.

#### Management s Discussion (unaudited)

The information contained in this section should be read in conjunction with our Financial Statements and the Notes thereto. In addition, this report contains certain forward-looking statements. These statements include the plans and objectives of management for future operations and financial objectives and can be identified by the use of forward-looking terminology such as may, will, expect, intend, anticipate, estimate, or continue or the negative thereof or other variations thereon or comparable terminology. These forward-looking statements are subject to the inherent uncertainties in predicting future results and conditions. Certain factors that could cause actual results and conditions to differ materially from those projected in these forward-looking statements are set forth in the Risk Factors section of our public filings with the SEC.

#### Overview

Tortoise Pipeline & Energy Fund, Inc. s ( TTP ) primary investment objective is to provide a high level of total return, with an emphasis on current distributions. We seek to provide stockholders an efficient vehicle to invest in a portfolio consisting primarily of equity securities of pipeline and other energy infrastructure companies. We focus primarily on pipeline companies that engage in the business of transporting natural gas, natural gas liquids ( NGLs ), crude oil and refined petroleum products, and, to a lesser extent, on other energy infrastructure companies. Energy infrastructure companies own and operate a network of asset systems that transport, store, distribute, gather, process, explore, develop, manage or produce crude oil, refined petroleum products (including biodiesel and ethanol), natural gas or NGLs or that provide electrical power generation (including renewable energy), transmission and/or distribution. We also seek to provide current income from gains earned through a covered call option strategy, which consists of writing (selling) call options on selected equity securities in our portfolio.

TTP is a registered non-diversified, closed-end management investment company under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the 1940 Act ), and expects to qualify as a regulated investment company (RIC) under the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the Code). Tortoise Capital Advisors, L.L.C. (the Advisor) serves as investment adviser.

#### Company update

Market values of our investments increased during the quarter, contributing to an increase in net assets of approximately \$23.7 million since November 30, 2012. Distribution increases from our investments were in line with our expectations while an increase in average total assets during the quarter resulted in increased asset-based expenses. We maintained our quarterly distribution of \$0.4075 per share. Additional information on these events and results of our operations are discussed below.

### **Critical accounting policies**

The financial statements are based on the selection and application of critical accounting policies, which require management to make significant estimates and assumptions. Critical accounting policies are those that are both important to the presentation of our financial condition and results of operations and require management s most difficult, complex, or subjective judgments. Our critical accounting policies are those applicable to the valuation of investments and certain revenue recognition matters as discussed in Note 2 in the Notes to Financial Statements.

### **Determining distributions to stockholders**

We pay quarterly distributions based primarily upon our current and estimated future distributable cash flow ( DCF ). In addition, and to the extent that the sum of our net investment company taxable income and net realized gains from investments exceed our quarterly distributions, we intend to make an additional distribution to common stockholders in the last quarter of the calendar year in order to avoid being subject to U.S. federal income taxes. Our Board of Directors reviews the distribution rate quarterly and may adjust the quarterly distribution throughout the year.

## **Determining DCF**

DCF is income from investments less expenses. Income from investments includes the amount we receive as cash or paid-in-kind distributions from common stock, MLPs, affiliates of MLPs, and pipeline and other energy companies in which we invest, and dividend payments on short-term investments we own. Income also includes the premiums received from sales of covered call

options, net of amounts paid to buy back out of the money options. The total expenses include current or anticipated operating expenses and leverage costs. Each are summarized for you in the Key Financial Data table and are discussed in more detail below.

The Key Financial Data table discloses the calculation of DCF and should be read in conjunction with this discussion. The difference between income from investments in the DCF calculation and total investment income as reported in the Statement of Operations, is reconciled as follows: (1) the Statement of Operations, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), recognizes distributions and dividend income from MLPs and common stock on their ex-dates, whereas the DCF calculation may

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reflect distributions and dividend income on their pay dates; (2) GAAP recognizes that a significant portion of the cash distributions received from MLPs are characterized as a return of capital and therefore excluded from investment income, whereas the DCF calculation includes the return of capital; (3) income from investments in the DCF calculation includes the value of dividends paid-in-kind (additional stock or units), whereas such amounts are not included as income for GAAP purposes; and (4) net premiums on options written (premiums received less amounts paid to buy back out of the money options) with expiration dates during our fiscal quarter are included in the DCF calculation, whereas GAAP recognizes the net effect of options written as realized and unrealized gains (losses). A reconciliation of Net Investment Income to DCF is included below.

#### Income from investments

We seek to achieve our investment objectives by investing in a portfolio consisting primarily of equity securities of pipeline and other energy infrastructure companies. We evaluate each holding based upon its contribution to our investment income and its risk relative to other potential investments.

We focus primarily on pipeline companies that engage in the business of transporting natural gas, NGLs, crude oil and refined products through pipelines, and, to a lesser extent, on other energy infrastructure companies. These pipeline companies own and operate long haul, gathering and local gas distribution pipelines.

We also seek to provide current income from gains earned through a covered call option strategy, which consists of writing (selling) call options on selected equity securities in our portfolio. We focus our covered call strategy on other energy infrastructure companies that we believe are integral links in the energy infrastructure value chain for pipeline companies.

Total distributions received from our investments and option strategy for the 1st quarter 2013 was approximately \$5.3 million. This reflects earnings on our investments of \$3.6 million and net premiums on options written of approximately \$1.7 million. While the dividends and distributions from our long-term investments increased slightly from 4th quarter 2012, total received from investments declined approximately 3.9 percent due to lower net premiums on options written during the quarter. On an annualized basis, the total received from investments equates to 6.13 percent of our average total assets for the quarter.

#### **Expenses**

We incur two types of expenses: (1) operating expenses, consisting primarily of the advisory fee; and (2) leverage costs. On a percentage basis, operating expenses before leverage costs were an annualized 1.05 percent of average total assets for the 1st quarter 2013, an increase of 0.02 percent as compared to 1st quarter 2012 and an increase of 0.06 percent as compared to the 4th quarter 2012. The increase in the operating expense ratio is primarily due to the reduction in the Advisory fee waiver rate during the 1st quarter 2012. While the contractual advisory fee is 1.10 percent of average monthly managed assets, the Adviser waived an amount equal to 0.25 percent of average monthly managed assets through December 31, 2012, and has agreed to waive an amount equal to 0.20 percent of average monthly managed assets for calendar year 2013 and 0.15 percent of average monthly managed assets for calendar year 2014. Other operating expenses increased as compared to 4th quarter 2012, primarily as a result of increased professional fees during the quarter.

Leverage costs consist of two major components: (1) the direct interest expense on our senior notes and short-term credit facility, and (2) distributions to preferred stockholders. Other leverage expenses include rating agency fees and commitment fees. Total leverage costs for DCF purposes were approximately \$0.6 million for the 1st quarter 2013, a slight decrease as compared to 4th quarter 2012.

The weighted average annual rate of our leverage at February 28, 2013 was 3.03 percent including balances on our bank credit facility which accrue interest at a variable rate equal to one-month LIBOR plus 1.25 percent. Our weighted average rate may vary in future periods as a result of changes in LIBOR, the utilization of our credit facility, and as our leverage matures or is redeemed. Additional information on our leverage is included in the Liquidity and Capital Resources discussion below.

### Distributable cash flow and capital gains

For 1st quarter 2013, our DCF was approximately \$3.75 million, a decrease of 6.7 percent as compared to 4th quarter 2012. This decrease is the net result of the changes in income and expenses as described above. This equates to an annualized rate of 5.08 percent of average total assets for the quarter and 5.72 percent of average net assets for the quarter. In addition, we had net realized gains on investments of approximately \$1.3 million during the quarter.

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We declared a distribution of approximately \$4.1 million for 1st quarter 2013. On a per share basis, we declared a \$0.4075 distribution on February 11, 2013, unchanged from the 4th quarter 2012.

Net Investment Income on the Statement of Operations is adjusted as follows to reconcile to DCF for 1st quarter 2013 (in thousands):

|  | 1st Qtr 2013 |
|--|--------------|
| Net Investment Income                            | \$ 347       |
| Adjustments to reconcile to DCF:                 |              |
| Net premiums on options written                  | 1,728        |
| Distributions characterized as return of capital | 1,078        |
| Dividends paid in stock                          | 570          |
| Amortization of debt issuance costs              | 27           |
| DCF  | \$ 3,750     |

### Liquidity and capital resources

We had total assets of \$362 million at quarter-end. Our total assets reflect the value of our investments, which are itemized in the Schedule of Investments. It also reflects cash, interest and dividends receivable and any expenses that may have been prepaid. During 1st quarter 2013, total assets increased approximately \$25.6 million (net of pending trades at November 30, 2012). This change was primarily the result of a \$26.8 million increase in the value of our investments as reflected by the change in realized and unrealized gains on investments (excluding return of capital on distributions) and net sales during the guarter of \$1.4 million.

Total leverage outstanding at February 28, 2013 was \$79.7 million, a decrease of \$1.9 million as compared to November 30, 2012. On an adjusted basis to reflect the timing of the payment of our 1st quarter 2013 distribution, leverage increased approximately \$2.2 million. Outstanding leverage is comprised of \$49 million in senior notes, \$16 million in preferred shares and \$14.7 million outstanding under the credit facility, with 69 percent of leverage with fixed rates and a weighted average maturity of 4.3 years. Total leverage represented 22.0 percent of total assets at February 28, 2013, as compared to 21.8 percent as of November 30, 2012. This is below our long-term target level of 25 percent of total assets, allowing the opportunity to add leverage when compelling investment opportunities arise. Temporary increases to up to 30 percent of our total assets may be permitted, provided that such leverage is consistent with the limits set forth in the 1940 Act, and that such leverage is expected to be reduced over time in an orderly fashion to reach our long-term target. Our leverage ratio is impacted by increases or decreases in investment values, issuance of equity and/or the sale of securities where proceeds are used to reduce leverage.

Our longer-term leverage (excluding our bank credit facility) of \$65 million is comprised of 75 percent private placement debt and 25 percent private placement preferred equity with a weighted average fixed rate of 3.35 percent and remaining weighted average laddered maturity of approximately 5.2 years.

We use leverage to acquire equity investments consistent with our investment philosophy. The terms of our leverage are governed by regulatory and contractual asset coverage requirements that arise from the use of leverage. Additional information on our leverage and asset coverage requirements is discussed in Notes 10, 11 and 12 in the Notes to Financial Statements. Our coverage ratios are updated each week on our Web site at www.tortoiseadvisors.com.

### Taxation of our distributions

We expect that distributions paid on common shares will generally consist of: (i) investment company taxable income ( ICTI ) which includes ordinary income net of deductions plus any short-term capital gains in excess of net long-term capital losses (under current law, distributions of ICTI may be designated as qualified dividend income ( QDI ) to the extent of any QDI received from our investment in common stocks); (ii) long-term capital gain (net gain from the sale of a capital asset held longer than 12 months over net short-term capital losses) and (iii) return of capital. The QDI and long-term capital gain tax rates are variable based on the taxpayer s taxable income.

We may designate a portion of our quarterly distributions as capital gains and we may also distribute additional capital gains in the last calendar quarter if necessary to meet minimum distribution requirements and to avoid being subject to excise taxes. If, however, we elect to retain any capital gains, we will be subject to U.S. capital gains taxes. The payment of those taxes will flow-through to stockholders as a tax credit to apply against their U.S. income tax payable on the deemed distribution of the

retained capital gain.

For tax purposes, distributions paid to common stockholders for the calendar year ended December 31, 2012 were approximately 37 percent QDI, 21 percent ordinary dividend income, 22 percent long-term capital gain, and 20 percent return of capital. A holder of our common stock would reduce their cost basis for income tax purposes by the amount designated as return of capital. This information is reported to stockholders on Form 1099-DIV and is available on our Web site at www.tortoiseadvisors.com.

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# Schedule of Investments (unaudited)

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|  | Shares  | Fair Value    |
|--|---------|---------------|
| Common Stock 86.0%)                              |         |               |
| Crude/Refined Products Pipelines 6.0%)           |         |               |
| Canada 6.0%)                                     |         |               |
| Enbridge Inc.                                    | 268,300 | \$ 11,955,448 |
| Pembina Pipeline Corporation                     | 168,800 | 4,737,040     |
| r embina r ipeline corporation                   | 100,000 | 16,692,488    |
| Local Distribution Companies 12.3%)              |         | 10,032,400    |
| United States 12.3%)                             |         |               |
| CenterPoint Energy, Inc.                         | 728.600 | 15,613,898    |
| NiSource Inc.                                    | 663,200 | 18,370,640    |
| NIOOUICC IIIC.                                   | 003,200 | 33,984,538    |
| Marine Transportation 2.2%)                      |         | 00,004,000    |
| Republic of the Marshall Islands 2.2%)           |         |               |
| Teekay Offshore Partners L.P.                    | 223,330 | 6,251,007     |
| Natural Gas Gathering Pipelines 3.7%)            | 223,300 | 0,231,007     |
| United States 3.7%)                              |         |               |
| Targa Resources Corp.                            | 166,600 | 10,162,600    |
| Natural Gas Pipelines 40.9%)                     | 130,000 | 10,102,000    |
| Canada 6.3%)                                     |         |               |
| Keyera Corp.                                     | 17,550  | 926,640       |
| TransCanada Corporation                          | 350,500 | 16,301,755    |
| United States 34.6%)                             | 000,000 | 10,001,700    |
| Kinder Morgan, Inc.                              | 266.000 | 9,860,620     |
| National Fuel Gas Company                        | 13,400  | 779,746       |
| ONEOK, Inc.                                      | 373,900 | 16,821,761    |
| Questar Corporation                              | 330,750 | 7,775,932     |
| Spectra Energy Corp                              | 910,300 | 26,435,112    |
| Williams Companies, Inc.                         | 978.950 | 33,979,354    |
| Timario osinparios, inc.                         | 0,0,000 | 112,880,920   |
| Oil and Gas Production 19.8%)                    |         | , ,           |
| United Kingdom 1.0%)                             |         |               |
| BP p.l.c. (ADR) <sup>(2)</sup>                   | 68,500  | 2,767,400     |
| United States 18.8%)                             |         | , ,           |
| Anadarko Petroleum Corporation <sup>(2)</sup>    | 63,200  | 5.029,456     |
| Apache Corporation <sup>(2)</sup>                | 50,900  | 3,780,343     |
| Chevron Corporation                              | 13,300  | 1,558,095     |
| Continental Resources, Inc.(2)(3)                | 38,800  | 3,414,400     |
| Denbury Resources Inc.(2)(3)                     | 184,600 | 3,344,952     |
| Devon Energy Corporation <sup>(2)</sup>          | 48,800  | 2,647,888     |
| EOG Resources, Inc.(2)                           | 27,100  | 3,406,741     |
| Exxon Mobil Corporation                          | 16,900  | 1,513,395     |
| Hess Corporation <sup>(2)</sup>                  | 49,000  | 3,258,500     |
| Marathon Oil Corporation <sup>(2)</sup>          | 150,400 | 5,038,400     |
| Newfield Exploration Company <sup>(2)(3)</sup>   | 119,300 | 2,758,216     |
| Occidental Petroleum Corporation <sup>(2)</sup>  | 49,200  | 4,050,636     |
| Pioneer Natural Resources Company <sup>(2)</sup> | 41,800  | 5,258,858     |
| Range Resources Corporation <sup>(2)</sup>       | 43,100  | 3,310,080     |
| Whiting Petroleum Corporation <sup>(2)(3)</sup>  | 71,900  | 3,501,530     |
|  |         | 54,638,890    |
| Refining 1.1%)                                   |         |               |
| United States 1.1%)                              |         |               |
| HollyFrontier Corporation <sup>(2)</sup>         | 52,400  | 2,944,880     |
| Total Common Stock                               |         |               |
| (Cost \$208,675,213)                             |         | 237,555,323   |
| Master Limited Partnerships                      |         |               |
| and Related Companies 44.3%)                     |         |               |
|  |         |               |
| Crude/Refined Products Pipelines 15.3%)          |         |               |
| United States 15.3%)                             |         |               |
| Buckeye Partners, L.P.                           | 48,796  | 2,717,937     |
| 200.070 Farmore, En 1                            | 40,790  | 2,7 17,507    |

| Enbridge Energy Management, L.L.C. <sup>(4)</sup> | 465,647 | 12,726,130 |
|---|---------|------------|
| Holly Energy Partners, L.P.                       | 63,900  | 2,636,514  |
| Magellan Midstream Partners, L.P.                 | 76,700  | 3,847,272  |
| MPLX LP   | 102,268 | 3,343,141  |
| Plains All American Pipeline, L.P.                | 240,400 | 13,161,900 |
| Rose Rock Midstream, L.P.                         | 28,714  | 976,276    |
| Sunoco Logistics Partners L.P.                    | 45,800  | 2,863,874  |
|   |         | 42 272 044 |

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Schedule of Investments (unaudited) (continued)

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|  | Shares  | Fair Value     |
|--|---------|----------------|
| Natural Gas/Natural Gas Liquids Pipelines 21.8%) |         |                |
| United States 21.8%)                             |         | _              |
| Energy Transfer Partners, L.P.                   | 179,900 | \$ 8,619,009   |
| Enterprise Products Partners L.P.                | 175,093 | 9,922,520      |
| Inergy Midstream, L.P.                           | 82,000  | 1,963,080      |
| Inergy Midstream, L.P. <sup>(5)</sup>            | 83,333  | 1,929,992      |
| Kinder Morgan Management, LLC(4)                 | 252,704 | 20,931,492     |
| ONEOK Partners, L.P.                             | 82,000  | 4,494,420      |
| Regency Energy Partners LP                       | 219,600 | 5,224,284      |
| Williams Partners L.P.                           | 141,800 | 7,047,460      |
|  |         | 60,132,257     |
| Natural Gas Gathering/Processing 7.2%)           |         |                |
| United States 7.2%)                              |         |                |
| Access Midstream Partners, L.P.                  | 119,700 | 4,457,628      |
| Copano Energy, L.L.C.                            | 48.265  | 1,861,098      |
| DCP Midstream Partners, LP                       | 36,350  | 1,476,901      |
| MarkWest Energy Partners, L.P.                   | 59,850  | 3,421,625      |
| Southcross Energy Partners, L.P.                 | 39,112  | 896,056        |
| Targa Resources Partners LP                      | 84.825  | 3,493,942      |
| Western Gas Equity Partners, LP                  | 61,652  | 2,094,319      |
| Western Gas Partners LP                          | 42.905  | 2,352,910      |
|  | ,,,,,,, | 20,054,479     |
| Total Master Limited Partnerships                |         |                |
| and Related Companies (Cost \$108,001,300)       |         | 122,459,780    |
|  |         |                |
| Short-Term Investment 0.1%)                      |         |                |
| Short-remi investment 0.1%                       |         |                |
|  |         |                |
| United States Investment Company 0.1%)           |         |                |
| Fidelity Institutional Money Market Portfolio    |         |                |
| Class I, 0.12% <sup>(6)</sup> (Cost \$271,724)   | 271,724 | 271,724        |
| Total Investments 130.4%)                        |         |                |
| (Cost \$316,948,237)                             |         | 360,286,827    |
| Long-Term Debt Obligations (17.7%))              |         | (49,000,000)   |
| Mandatory Redeemable Preferred Stock             |         | ( -,,          |
| at Liquidation Value (5.8%)                      |         | (16,000,000)   |
| Total Value of Options Written                   |         | (12,230,000)   |
| (Premiums received \$520,575) (0.1%1)            |         | (273,042)      |
| Other Assets and Liabilities (6.8%)              |         | (18,803,133)   |
| (3.675)  |         | (10,000,100)   |
| Total Not Access Applicable to                   |         |                |
| Total Net Assets Applicable to                   |         |                |
| Common Stockholders 100.0%)                      |         | \$ 276,210,652 |

- (1) Calculated as a percentage of net assets applicable to common stockholders.
- (2) All or a portion of the security represents cover for outstanding call option contracts written.
- (3) Non-income producing security.
- (4) Security distributions are paid-in-kind.
- (5) Restricted securities have been fair valued in accordance with procedures approved by the Board of Directors and have a total fair value of \$1,929,992, which represents 0.7% of net assets. See Note 7 to the financial statements for further disclosure.
- (6) Rate indicated is the current yield as of February 28, 2013.

Key to abbreviation

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## Schedule of Options Written (unaudited)

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|                                   | Expiration | Strike   |           | Fair        |
|-----------------------------------|------------|----------|-----------|-------------|
| Call Options Written              | Date       | Price    | Contracts | Value       |
| Anadarko Petroleum Corporation    | March 2013 | \$ 87.50 | 626       | \$ (14,398) |
| Apache Corporation                | March 2013 | 82.50    | 509       | (2,036)     |
| BP p.l.c. (ADR)                   | March 2013 | 44.00    | 685       | (6,165)     |
| Continental Resources, Inc.       | March 2013 | 90.00    | 388       | (36,860)    |
| Denbury Resources Inc.            | March 2013 | 20.00    | 1,846     | (9,230)     |
| Devon Energy Corporation          | March 2013 | 62.50    | 488       | (1,464)     |
| EOG Resources, Inc.               | March 2013 | 140.00   | 271       | (2,168)     |
| Hess Corporation                  | March 2013 | 72.50    | 490       | (10,290)    |
| HollyFrontier Corporation         | March 2013 | 58.50    | 524       | (28,820)    |
| Marathon Oil Corporation          | March 2013 | 36.00    | 1,504     | (7,520)     |
| Newfield Exploration Company      | March 2013 | 29.00    | 1,193     | (3,579)     |
| Occidental Petroleum Corporation  | March 2013 | 90.00    | 484       | (1,452)     |
| Pioneer Natural Resources Company | March 2013 | 140.00   | 418       | (6,270)     |
| Range Resources Corporation       | March 2013 | 75.00    | 431       | (124,990)   |
| Whiting Petroleum Corporation     | March 2013 | 52.50    | 712       | (17,800)    |

**Total Value of Call Options Written** 

(Premiums received \$520,575)

Key to abbreviation

ADR = American Depository Receipts

\$ (273,042)

See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

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# Statement of Assets & Liabilities (unaudited)

February 28, 2013

| Assets  |                      |
|---|----------------------|
| Investments at fair value (cost \$316,948,237)                                      | \$360,286,827        |
| Receivable for Adviser fee waiver   | 115,351              |
| Dividends receivable  | 641,245              |
| Prepaid expenses and other assets   | 497,058              |
| Total assets  | 361,540,481          |
| iabilities  |                      |
| Options written, at fair value  | 070.040              |
| (premiums received \$520,575)   | 273,042              |
| Payable to Adviser  Distribution payable to common stockholders                     | 634,430<br>4,076,711 |
| Distribution payable to common stockholders  Accrued expenses and other liabilities | 645,646              |
| Short-term borrowings   | 14,700,000           |
| Long-term debt obligations  | 49,000,000           |
| Mandatory redeemable preferred stock  | 10,000,000           |
| (\$25.00 liquidation value per share;   |                      |
| 640,000 shares outstanding)   | 16,000,000           |
| Total liabilities   | 85,329,829           |
| Net assets applicable to  |                      |
| common stockholders   | \$276,210,652        |
| let Assets Applicable to Common Stockholders  |                      |
| Consist of:   |                      |
| Capital stock, \$0.001 par value;   |                      |
| 10,004,200 shares issued and outstanding  |                      |
| (100,000,000 shares authorized)   | \$ 10,004            |
| Additional paid-in capital  | 233,053,475          |
| Accumulated net realized loss   | (436,635)            |
| Net unrealized appreciation   | 43,583,808           |
| Net assets applicable to common stockholders  | ¢276 210 652         |
| Net Asset Value per common share outstanding  | \$276,210,652        |
| (net assets applicable to common stock,   |                      |
| divided by common shares outstanding)   | \$ 27.61             |
|   | Ψ 27.01              |
| Statement of Operations (unaudited)   |                      |
| Period from December 1, 2012 through  |                      |
| February 28, 2013   |                      |
| nvestment Income  |                      |
| Distributions from master limited partnerships                                      | \$ 1,173,611         |
| Less return of capital on distributions   | _ (1,078,463)        |
| Net distributions from master limited partnerships                                  | 95,148               |
| Dividends from common stock   |                      |
| (net of foreign taxes withheld of \$49,045)   | 1,808,713            |
| Dividends from money market mutual funds  | 69                   |
| Total Investment Income   | 1,903,930            |
| Operating Expenses Advisory fees  | 944.940              |
| Professional fees   | 35,608               |
| Administrator fees  | 34,739               |
| Directors fees  | 19,069               |
| Stockholder communication expenses  | 15,436               |
| Fund accounting fees  | 12,365               |
| Registration fees   | 6,304                |
| Custodian fees and expenses   | 4,996                |
| Stock transfer agent fees   | 2,901                |
| Other operating expenses  | 14,225               |
| Total Operating Expenses  | 1,090,583            |
|   |                      |
| everage Expenses  |                      |
| Interest expense  | 440,377              |
|   | 440,377<br>171,600   |

| Other leverage expenses                         | 13,299           |
|---|------------------|
| Total Leverage Expenses                         | 652,650          |
| Total Expenses                                  | 1,743,233        |
| Less fees waived by Adviser                     | (185,921)        |
| Net Expenses                                    | 1,557,312        |
| Net Investment Income                           | 346,618          |
| Realized and Unrealized Gains (Losses)          |                  |
| Net realized gain on investments, including     |                  |
| foreign currency gain (loss)                    | 1,296,290        |
| Net realized loss on options                    | (538,658)        |
| Net realized loss on foreign currency           |                  |
| and translation of other assets and             |                  |
| liabilities denominated in foreign currency     | (136)            |
| Net realized gain                               | 757,496          |
| Net unrealized appreciation of investments,     |                  |
| including foreign currency gain (loss)          | 26,617,558       |
| Net unrealized appreciation of options          | 60,571           |
| Net unrealized depreciation of other assets and |                  |
| liabilities due to foreign currency translation | (2,947)          |
| Net unrealized appreciation                     | 26,675,182       |
| Net Realized and Unrealized Gains               | 27,432,678       |
| Net Increase in Net Assets Applicable           |                  |
| to Common Stockholders Resulting                |                  |
| from Operations                                 | \$27,779,296     |
| See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements. |                  |
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## **Statement of Changes in Net Assets**

|  | Period from December 1, 2012 through February 28, 2013 (unaudited) | Year Ended<br>November 30, 2012 |  |
|--|--|---------------------------------|--|
| Operations   |  |                                 |  |
| Net investment income  | \$ 346,618   | \$ 1,236,571                    |  |
| Net realized gain  | 757,496  | 12,411,737                      |  |
| Net unrealized appreciation                                    | 26,675,182   | 10,877,359                      |  |
| Net increase in net assets applicable to common stockholders   |  |                                 |  |
| resulting from operations                                      | 27,779,296   | 24,525,667                      |  |
| Distributions to Common Stockholders                           |  |                                 |  |
| Net investment income  | (2,050,928)  | (2,382,329)                     |  |
| Net realized gain  |  | (10,673,567)                    |  |
| Return of capital  | (2,025,783)  | (3,225,940)                     |  |
| Total distributions to common stockholders                     | (4,076,711)  | (16,281,836)                    |  |
| Total increase in net assets applicable to common stockholders | 23,702,585   | 8,243,831                       |  |
| Net Assets   |  |                                 |  |
| Beginning of period  | 252,508,067  | 244,264,236                     |  |
| End of period  | \$276,210,652  | \$252,508,067                   |  |
| Undistributed net investment income, end of period             | \$   | \$ 1,704,310                    |  |

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# Statement of Cash Flows (unaudited)

Period from December 1, 2012 through February 28, 2013

| Cash Flows From Operating Activities   |                  |
|--|------------------|
| Distributions received from master limited partnerships                                | \$<br>1,173,611  |
| Dividend income received   | 1,812,295        |
| Purchases of long-term investments   | (59,432,678)     |
| Proceeds from sales of long-term investments   | 60,763,552       |
| Purchases of short-term investments, net   | (216,492)        |
| Call options written, net  | (728,358)        |
| Interest expense paid  | (442,655)        |
| Distributions to mandatory redeemable preferred stockholders                           | (171,600)        |
| Operating expenses paid  | (857,675)        |
| Net cash provided by operating activities  | 1,900,000        |
| Cash Flows From Financing Activities   |                  |
| Advances from revolving line of credit   | 5,500,000        |
| Repayments on revolving line of credit   | (7,400,000)      |
| Net cash used in financing activities  | (1,900,000)      |
| Net change in cash   |                  |
| Cash beginning of period   |                  |
| Cash end of period   | \$               |
| Reconciliation of net increase in net assets applicable to common stockholders         |                  |
| resulting from operations to net cash provided by operating activities                 |                  |
| Net increase in net assets applicable to common stockholders resulting from operations | \$<br>27,779,296 |
| Adjustments to reconcile net increase in net assets applicable to common stockholders  |                  |
| resulting from operations to net cash provided by operating activities:                |                  |
| Purchases of long-term investments   | (20,484,090)     |
| Proceeds from sales of long-term investments   | 21,839,899       |
| Purchases of short-term investments, net   | (216,492)        |
| Call options written, net  | (728,358)        |
| Return of capital on distributions received  | 1,078,463        |
| Net unrealized appreciation  | (26,675,182)     |
| Net realized gain  | (757,496)        |
| Amortization of debt issuance costs  | 27,374           |
| Changes in operating assets and liabilities:   |                  |
| Decrease in dividends receivable   | 3,514            |
|  |                  |

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