Flaherty & Crumrine PREFERRED INCOME OPPORTUNITY FUND INC

Form 4

December 17, 2007

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

ETTINGER ROBERT M

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

Flaherty & Crumrine PREFERRED INCOME OPPORTUNITY FUND

INC [PFO]

(Last) (First)

(Middle)

(Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify

(Check all applicable)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

below) below) President

301 E COLORADO BLVD STE 720

(State)

12/17/2007

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

Issuer

PASADENA, CA 91101

(City)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3) (Month/Day/Year)

4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Securities Form: Direct Beneficially (D) or Owned Indirect (I) Following (Instr. 4) Reported

D

Transaction(s)

or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

(A)

Common 12/17/2007 Stock (1)

P \$9 8,000 A 20,000

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

ETTINGER ROBERT M 301 E COLORADO BLVD STE 720 PASADENA, CA 91101

President

Signatures

Robert M. 12/17/2007 Ettinger

**Signature of Date
Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Mr. Ettinger also indirectly holds an additional 8,603 shares of the Fund through his ownership of 30% of Flaherty & Crumrine Incorporated.

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