

FLAHERTY & CRUMRINE/CLAYMORE TOTAL RETURN FUND INC
Form N-PX
August 18, 2004

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM N-PX
ANNUAL REPORT OF PROXY VOTING RECORD OF REGISTERED
MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANIES

Investment Company Act file number 811-21380

FLAHERTY & CRUMRINE/CLAYMORE TOTAL RETURN FUND INCORPORATED

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

301 E. Colorado Boulevard, Suite 720
PASADENA, CA 91101

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

Donald F. Crumrine
Flaherty & Crumrine Inc.
301 E. Colorado Boulevard, Suite 720
PASADENA, CA 91101

(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: JULY 1, 2003 - JUNE 30, 2004

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PROXY VOTING RECORD

FOR PERIOD JULY 1, 2003 TO JUNE 30, 2004

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 FORM N-PX

ANNUAL REPORT OF PROXY VOTING RECORD OF REGISTERED MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANY

Investment Company Act file number: 811 - 21380
 Exact name of registrant as specified in charter: Flaherty & Crumrine / Claymore Total Return
 Address of principal executive offices: 301 E. Colorado Boulevard, Suite 720, Pasadena, CA 91101
 Name and address of agent for service: Donald F. Crumrine, Flaherty & Crumrine Pr
 301 E. Colorado Boulevard, Suite 720, Pasadena, CA 91101
 Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 626 - 795 - 7300
 Date of fiscal year end: November 30, 2004
 Date of reporting period: Twelve Months ended June 30, 2004

ITEM 1. PROXY VOTING RECORD

| NAME OF THE ISSUER | EXCHANGE TICKER SYMBOL | CUSIP | SHAREHOLDER |
|---|------------------------|-----------|-------------|
| Wachovia Preferred Funding Corp. 7.25% Series A | WNA/P | 92977V206 | 12-De |

| MATTER VOTED | PROPOSED BY | VOTE CAST | VOTE FOR OR AGAINST PROPOSAL | VOTE FOR OR AGAINST MANAGEMENT |
|-------------------------|-------------|-----------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Approve director slate. | Issuer | Yes | Abstain | Against |

| NAME OF THE ISSUER | EXCHANGE TICKER SYMBOL | CUSIP | SHAREHOLDER |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|-----------|-------------|
| Wisconsin Power and Light Company | WISLI | 976826867 | 02-Ju |

| MATTER VOTED | PROPOSED BY | VOTE CAST | VOTE FOR OR AGAINST PROPOSAL | VOTE FOR OR AGAINST MANAGEMENT |
|-------------------------|-------------|-----------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Approve directors slate | Issuer | No (1) | NA | NA |

Notes: (1) The registrant did not cast a vote since the securities in question were preferred or preference stocks of a utility operating company the common stock of which was 100% controlled by the parent company and where the election

outcome was therefore foreordained.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of 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/CLAYMORE TOTAL RETURN FUND INCORPORATED

By (Signature and Title)* /s/ Donald F. Crumrine

Donald F. Crumrine, Director, Chairman of the Board &
Chief Executive Officer
(Principal Executive Officer)

Date AUGUST 6, 2004

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