

ClearBridge Energy MLP Total Return Fund Inc.  
Form 8-K  
June 14, 2013

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT  
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) **June 1, 2013**

**ClearBridge Energy MLP Total Return Fund Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Maryland**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation)

**811-22693**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**45-4960969**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**620 Eighth Avenue, New York, NY**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**10018**  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(888) 777-0102**

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**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

On May 21, 2013, ClearBridge Energy MLP Total Return Fund Inc. (the Fund ) issued a press release, the text of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1, announcing the retirement of R. Jay Gerken as director, Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and President of certain closed-end funds advised by Legg Mason Partners Fund Advisors, LLC ( LMPFA ), effective June 1, 2013, and announcing the appointment of Kenneth D. Fuller as a member of the Board of Directors of each respective closed-end fund, effective June 1, 2013. In addition, the Board of Directors of each respective closed-end fund has appointed Mr. Fuller as the Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and President of each closed-end fund.

Mr. Fuller is a Managing Director of Legg Mason & Co., LLC ( Legg Mason & Co. ) (since 2013); Officer and/or Director/Trustee of 162 funds associated with LMPFA (since 2013); President and Chief Executive Officer of LM Asset Services, LLC (formerly a registered investment adviser) (since 2013); formerly, Senior Vice President of LMPFA (since 2012); formerly, Director of Legg Mason & Co. (2012 to 2013); formerly, Vice President of Legg Mason & Co. (2009 to 2012); formerly, Vice President of T. Rowe Price Associates (1993 to 2009), as well as Investment Analyst and Portfolio Manager for certain asset allocation accounts (2004 to 2009). Effective June 1, 2013, Mr. Fuller will become President and Chief Executive Officer of LMPFA.

The information disclosed under this Item 5.02, including Exhibit 99.1, shall not be deemed to be filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities under Section 18 and shall not be deemed to be incorporated by reference into any filing of the Fund under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, except as expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(c) Exhibits.

**Exhibit Number**

99.1 Press Release of the Fund, dated May 21, 2013.

**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: June 14, 2013

ClearBridge Energy MLP Total Return Fund Inc.  
(Registrant)

/s/ George P. Hoyt  
(Signature)

Name: George P. Hoyt  
Title: Assistant Secretary

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