

CLEARBRIDGE AMERICAN ENERGY MLP FUND INC.  
 Form 3  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

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|---|---|---|---|---|--|
| <p>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *</p> <p>Â Athene Holding Ltd</p> <p>(Last) (First) (Middle)</p> <p>96 PITTS BAY ROAD,Â</p> <p>(Street)</p> <p>PEMBROKE,Â D0Â HM08</p> <p>(City) (State) (Zip)</p> | <p>2. Date of Event Requiring Statement</p> <p>(Month/Day/Year)</p> <p>10/15/2013</p> | <p>3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</p> <p>CLEARBRIDGE AMERICAN ENERGY MLP FUND INC. [CBA]</p> | <p>4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer</p> <p>(Check all applicable)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other<br/>                 (give title below) (specify below)</p> | <p>5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)</p> | <p>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person<br/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person</p> |
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned<br>(Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership<br>(Instr. 5) |
|------------------------------------|--|---|--|
| Senior Secured Notes               | \$ 50,400,000  | I   | See footnote <sup>(1)</sup>                              |

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

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

| 1. Title of Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership<br>(Instr. 5) |
|---|---|--|--|--|--|
|   | Date Exercisable      Expiration Date                       | Title      Amount or Number of   |  |  |  |

Shares (1)  
(Instr. 5)

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |         |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Athene Holding Ltd<br>96 PITTS BAY ROAD<br>PEMBROKE, D0 HM08                                 | ^             | ^ X       | ^       | ^     |
| ATHENE ANNUITY & LIFE ASSURANCE Co<br>841 APOLLO STREET<br>SUITE 150<br>EL SEGUNDO, CA 90245 | ^             | ^ X       | ^       | ^     |
| Aviva Life & Annuity Co<br>841 APOLLO STREET<br>SUITE 150<br>EL SEGUNDO, CA 90245            | ^             | ^ X       | ^       | ^     |
| Athene USA Corp<br>841 APOLLO STREET<br>SUITE 150<br>EL SEGUNDO, CA 90245                    | ^             | ^ X       | ^       | ^     |

## Signatures

See signatures attached as  
Exhibit 99.2

10/25/2013

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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) See Exhibit 99.1.

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