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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 811-06179

FLAHERTY & CRUMRINE PREFERRED INCOME 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

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Date of reporting period: JULY 1, 2003 - JUNE 30, 2004

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FOR PERIOD JULY 1, 2003 TO JUNE 30, 2004

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ANNUAL REPORT OF PROXY VOTING RECORD OF REGISTERED MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANY

Investment Company Act file number: 811 - 06179

Exact name of registrant as specified in charter: Flaherty & Crumrine Preferred Income

Address of principal executive offices: 301 E. Colorado Boulevard, Suite 720,

Name and address of agent for service: Donald F. Crumrine, Flaherty & Crumri

Incorporated, 301 E. Colorado Bouleva

California 91101

NA

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

Approve directors slate Issuer No (1)

NAME OF THE ISSUER	EXCHANGE TICKER SYMBOL	CUSIP	SHAREHOLDER
Carolina Power & Light Company	CPWLP	144141405	12-May-

VOTE FOR OR AGAINST VOTE FOR OR AGAINST
MATTER VOTED PROPOSED BY VOTE CAST PROPOSAL MANAGEMENT

NAME OF THE ISSUER EXCHANGE TICKER SYMBOL CUSIP SHAREHOLDER

Central Illinois Light Company CILTM 153645882 27-Apr

MATTER VOTED PROPOSED BY VOTE CAST VOTE FOR OR AGAINST VOTE FOR OR AGAI

Approve directors slate Issuer No (1) PROPOSAL MANAGEMENT

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NAME OF THE ISSUER	EXCHANGE TIC	CKER SYMBOL	CUSIP	SHAREHOLDER	
Central Illinois Light Comp	CILTL		153645304	27-Apr	
MATTER VOTED	PROPOSED BY	VOTE CAST		R AGAINST SAL	VOTE FOR OR AGAI
Approve directors slate	Issuer	No (1)	NA		NA
NAME OF THE ISSUER		EXCHANGE TIC	CKER SYMBOL		SHAREHOLDER
Connecticut Light and Power	Company, The	CNTHP			25-Nov
MATTER VOTED	PROPOSED BY	VOTE CAST		R AGAINST SAL	VOTE FOR OR AGAI MANAGEMENT
Remove 20% limit on unsec. Debt; receive 1% fee	Issuer	Yes	Agai	nst	Against
Temp. waiver of 10% S/T debt limit	Issuer	Yes	Agai	nst	Against
NAME OF THE ISSUER		EXCHANGE TIC	CKER SYMBOL	CUSIP	SHAREHOLDER
Connecticut Light and Powe	r Company, The	CNTHO		207597782	25-Nov
MATTER VOTED	PROPOSED BY				VOTE FOR OR AGAI MANAGEMENT
Remove 20% limit on unsec. Debt; receive 1% fee	Issuer	Yes	Agai	nst	Against
Temp. waiver of 10% S/T debt limit	Issuer	Yes	Agai	nst	Against
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NAME OF THE ISSUER		EXCHANGE TICK			
Connecticut Light and Powe	er Company, The			207597709	
MATTER VOTED	PROPOSED BY	VOTE CAST			VOTE FOR OR AGA MANAGEMENT
Remove 20% limit on unsec. Debt; receive 1% fee	Issuer	Yes	Again	st	Against
Temp. waiver of 10% S/T debt limit	Issuer	Yes	Again	st	Against
NAME OF THE ISSUER		EXCHANGE TICK	KER SYMBOL	CUSIP	SHAREHOLDER
Conseco, Inc.		CNCEN		20846F201	04-Se
MATTER VOTED	PROPOSED BY	VOTE CAST		AGAINST	VOTE FOR OR AGA MANAGEMENT
Agree to 5th Amended ReOrg. Plan by Toprs Comm. S		Yes	For		Against
NAME OF THE ISSUER		EXCHANGE TICK	KER SYMBOL		SHAREHOLDER
Conseco, Inc.		CNCEP		20846M206	
		CNCEP	VOTE FOR OR	20846M206 	04-Se
Conseco, Inc. MATTER VOTED Agree to 5th Amended ReOrg.	PROPOSED BY	CNCEP	VOTE FOR OR	20846M206 AGAINST	04-Se
Conseco, Inc.	PROPOSED BY	CNCEP	VOTE FOR OR PROPOS	20846M206 AGAINST	04-Se VOTE FOR OR AGA MANAGEMENT Against
Conseco, Inc. MATTER VOTED Agree to 5th Amended ReOrg. Plan by Toprs Comm.	PROPOSED BY	CNCEP	VOTE FOR OR PROPOS	20846M206	04-Se VOTE FOR OR AGA MANAGEMENT Against
Conseco, Inc. MATTER VOTED Agree to 5th Amended ReOrg. Plan by Toprs Comm. THURSDAY, AUGUST 05, 2004 NAME OF THE ISSUER	PROPOSED BY Security Holder	CNCEP VOTE CAST Yes EXCHANGE TICK	VOTE FOR OR PROPOS For	20846M206 AGAINST AL PAGE 3 OF 7 CUSIP	04-Se VOTE FOR OR AGA MANAGEMENT Against SHAREHOLDER
Conseco, Inc. MATTER VOTED Agree to 5th Amended ReOrg. Plan by Toprs Comm. THURSDAY, AUGUST 05, 2004	PROPOSED BY Security Holder	CNCEP VOTE CAST Yes EXCHANGE TICK CNCEM	VOTE FOR OR PROPOS For	20846M206 AGAINST AL PAGE 3 OF 7 CUSIP 20847D205	04-Se VOTE FOR OR AGA MANAGEMENT Against SHAREHOLDER

Agree to 5th Amended ReOn Plan by Toprs Comm.	-	Yes	For		Against
NAME OF THE ISSUER		EXCHANGE TIC	KER SYMBOL	CUSIP	SHAREHOLDER
Duke Energy Corporation		DUK		264399106	13-May
MATTER VOTED	PROPOSED BY	VOTE CAST		AGAINST AL	VOTE FOR OR AGAI MANAGEMENT
Approve directors	Issuer	Yes	For		For
Ratify auditors	Issuer	Yes	For		For
Approve incentives	Issuer	Yes	For		For
NAME OF THE ISSUER		EXCHANGE TIC	KER SYMBOL	CUSIP	SHAREHOLDER
Idaho Power Company		IDHOP		451380307	20-May
MATTER VOTED	PROPOSED BY	VOTE CAST		AGAINST AL	VOTE FOR OR AGAI MANAGEMENT
Approve directors slate	Issuer	No (1)	NA		NA
Ratify auditors	Issuer	No (1)	NA		NA
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NAME OF THE ISSUER		PYCHANGE TIC	FF SYMBOL	CIISTP	SHAREHOLDER
Wachovia Preferred Fund					
7.25% Series A		WNA/P			12-Dec
MATTER VOTED	PROPOSED BY	VOTE CAST			VOTE FOR OR AGAI
Approve director slate.	. Issuer	Yes	Absta	in	Against
NAME OF THE ISSUER		EXCHANGE TIC	KER SYMBOL	CUSIP	SHAREHOLDER
Wisconsin Power and Ligh		WIS		976826305	02-Jur

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MATTER VOTED	PROPOSED BY	VOTE CAST	VOTE FOR OR AGAINST PROPOSAL		
Approve director slate.	Issuer	No (1	NA		NA
NAME OF THE ISSUER		EXCHANGE TIC	CKER SYMBOL	CUSIP	SHAREHOLDER
Xcel Energy Inc.		XEL B		98389B308	20-May
MATTER VOTED			VOTE FOR OR		VOTE FOR OR AGAI
Eliminate Classified Board terms.	Issuer	Yes	For		For
Approve directors slate	Issuer	Yes	For		For
Approve Director Stock compensation plan.	Issuer	Yes	For		For
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NAME OF THE ISSUER					

NAME OF THE ISSUER					SHAREHOLDER
Xcel Energy Inc.	XEL G		98389B704	20-May	
MATTER VOTED	PROPOSED BY	VOTE CAST		AGAINST AL	VOTE FOR OR AGAI MANAGEMENT
Eliminate Classified Board terms.	Issuer	Yes	For		For
Approve directors slate	Issuer	Yes	For		For
Approve Director Stock compensation plan.			For		For
NAME OF THE ISSUER		EXCHANGE TICH	KER SYMBOL		SHAREHOLDER
Xcel Energy Inc.		XEL D		98389B506	20-May
MATTER VOTED			VOTE FOR OR	AGAINST	VOTE FOR OR AGAI
Eliminate Classified Board terms.	Issuer	Yes	For		For

Approve directors slate Issuer Yes For

For

Approve Director Stock compensation plan. Issuer Yes For For EXCHANGE TICKER SYMBOL CUSIP SHAREHOLDER NAME OF THE ISSUER ______ XEL E 98389B605 20-May Xcel Energy Inc. MATTER VOTED PROPOSED BY VOTE CAST VOTE FOR OR AGAINST VOTE FOR OR AGAINMANAGEMENT Eliminate Classified
Board terms. Issuer Yes For For Approve directors slate Issuer Yes For For Approve Director Stock compensation plan. Issuer Yes For For THURSDAY, AUGUST 05, 2004 PAGE 6 OF 7

NAME OF THE ISSUER	EXCHANGE TIC	KER SYMBOL	CUSIP	SHAREHOLDER	
Xcel Energy Inc.	XEL C		98389B407	20-May	
MATTER VOTED	PROPOSED BY	VOTE CAST	VOTE FOR OF		VOTE FOR OR AGAI MANAGEMENT
Eliminate Classified Board terms.	Issuer	Yes	For	2	For
Approve directors slate	Issuer	Yes	For	<u>-</u>	For
Approve Director Stock compensation plan.	Issuer	Yes	For	2	For

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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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 PREFERRED INCOME FUND INCORPORATED

By (Signature and Title)*

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

Date

AUGUST 6, 2004

 $^{{}^{\}star}\text{Print}$ the name and title of each signing officer under his or her signature.