

TORTOISE ENERGY INDEPENDENCE FUND, INC.

Form N-Q

April 29, 2015

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

FORM N-Q
QUARTERLY SCHEDULE OF PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS OF REGISTERED MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT
COMPANY

Investment Company Act file number 811-22690

Tortoise Energy Independence Fund, Inc.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

11550 Ash Street, Suite 300, Leawood, KS 66211
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

Terry Matlack
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(Name and address of agent for service)

913-981-1020
Registrant's telephone number, including area code

Date of fiscal year end: November 30

Date of reporting period: February 28, 2015

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Item 1. Schedule of Investments.

Tortoise Energy Independence Fund, Inc.
SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS (Unaudited)

| | February 28, 2015 Shares | Fair Value |
|---|-----------------------------|--------------|
| Common Stock - 89.4%(1) | | |
| Crude/Refined Products Pipelines - 0.8%(1) | | |
| United States - 0.8%(1) | | |
| Plains GP Holdings, L.P. | 91,716 | \$ 2,626,746 |
| Natural Gas/Natural Gas Liquids Pipelines - 0.0%(1) | | |
| United States - 0.0%(1) | | |
| Kinder Morgan, Inc. | 2 | 82 |
| Oil and Gas Production - 88.6%(1) | | |
| Canada - 8.1%(1) | | |
| ARC Resources LTD. | 334,600 | 6,463,955 |
| Cenovus Energy Inc. | 153,200 | 2,648,828 |
| Enerplus Corporation | 275,800 | 2,791,096 |
| Penn West Petroleum Ltd. | 6,400 | 12,928 |
| Suncor Energy Inc.(2)(3) | 465,600 | 14,014,560 |
| The Netherlands - 2.3%(1) | | |
| Royal Dutch Shell plc (ADR) | 114,500 | 7,484,865 |
| United Kingdom - 1.3%(1) | | |
| BP p.l.c. (ADR) | 96,400 | 3,994,816 |
| United States - 76.9%(1) | | |
| Anadarko Petroleum Corporation(2)(3) | 330,900 | 27,871,707 |
| Antero Resources Corporation(2)(3)(4) | 150,610 | 5,941,564 |
| Cabot Oil & Gas Corporation(2)(3) | 151,700 | 4,399,300 |
| Carrizo Oil & Gas, Inc.(2)(3)(4) | 198,000 | 9,422,820 |
| Chesapeake Energy Corporation(2)(3) | 436,900 | 7,287,492 |
| Cimarex Energy Co.(2)(3) | 89,173 | 9,780,495 |
| Concho Resources Inc.(2)(3)(4) | 116,143 | 12,650,296 |
| Continental Resources, Inc.(2)(3)(4) | 135,900 | 6,046,191 |
| Devon Energy Corporation(2)(3) | 120,800 | 7,440,072 |
| Energen Corporation(2)(3) | 76,700 | 4,957,888 |
| EOG Resources, Inc.(2)(3) | 363,300 | 32,595,276 |
| EP Energy Corporation (4) | 142,700 | 1,605,375 |
| EQT Corporation(2)(3) | 238,006 | 18,995,259 |
| Hess Corporation(2)(3) | 33,793 | 2,537,178 |
| Laredo Petroleum, Inc.(4) | 194,540 | 2,320,862 |
| Marathon Oil Corporation(2)(3) | 459,100 | 12,790,526 |
| Newfield Exploration Company(2)(3)(4) | 276,088 | 9,119,187 |
| Noble Energy, Inc.(2)(3) | 205,000 | 9,682,150 |
| Occidental Petroleum Corporation(2)(3) | 192,100 | 14,960,748 |
| Pioneer Natural Resources Company(2)(3) | 186,215 | 28,401,512 |
| Range Resources Corporation(2)(3) | 224,200 | 11,106,868 |
| RSP Permian, Inc.(4) | 110,556 | 3,002,701 |
| Whiting Petroleum Corporation(2)(3)(4) | 115,227 | 3,898,129 |

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| | | 284,224,644 |
| Total Common Stock (Cost \$321,074,540) | | 286,851,472 |
| Master Limited Partnerships and Related Companies - 30.0%(1) | | |
| Crude/Refined Products Pipelines - 18.8%(1) | | |
| United States - 18.8%(1) | | |
| Buckeye Partners, L.P. | 49,673 | 3,861,579 |
| Enbridge Energy Management, L.L.C.(5) | 455,116 | 16,966,719 |
| Magellan Midstream Partners, L.P. | 92,000 | 7,562,400 |
| MPLX LP | 117,232 | 9,636,470 |
| Phillips 66 Partners LP | 65,900 | 4,691,421 |
| Plains All American Pipeline, L.P. | 179,229 | 8,941,735 |
| Rose Rock Midstream, L.P. | 32,489 | 1,506,840 |
| Shell Midstream Partners, L.P. | 30,756 | 1,201,329 |
| Tesoro Logistics LP | 77,377 | 4,442,987 |
| Valero Energy Partners LP | 26,106 | 1,391,189 |
| | | 60,202,669 |
| Natural Gas/Natural Gas Liquids Pipelines - 4.1%(1) | | |
| United States - 4.1%(1) | | |
| Columbia Pipeline Partners LP | 35,719 | 989,059 |
| Energy Transfer Partners, L.P. | 77,700 | 4,621,596 |
| Enterprise Products Partners L.P. | 229,988 | 7,667,800 |
| | | 13,278,455 |
| Natural Gas Gathering/Processing - 7.1%(1) | | |
| United States - 7.1%(1) | | |
| Antero Midstream Partners LP | 38,218 | 993,668 |
| DCP Midstream Partners, LP | 94,524 | 3,762,055 |
| EnLink Midstream Partners, LP | 86,700 | 2,328,762 |
| Regency Energy Partners LP | 182,456 | 4,450,102 |
| Targa Resources Partners LP | 95,800 | 4,197,956 |
| Western Gas Partners, LP | 34,300 | 2,386,594 |
| Williams Partners L.P. | 93,954 | 4,804,808 |
| | | 22,923,945 |
| Total Master Limited Partnerships and Related Companies (Cost \$71,441,065) | | 96,405,069 |
| Short-Term Investment - 0.0%(1) | | |
| United States Investment Company - 0.0%(1) | | |
| Fidelity Institutional Money Market Portfolio - Class I, 0.08%(6) (Cost \$88,734) | 88,734 | 88,734 |
| Total Investments - 119.4%(1) (Cost \$392,604,339) | | 383,345,275 |
| Total Value of Options Written (Premiums received \$1,838,013) - (0.2%)(1) | | (704,515) |
| Other Assets and Liabilities - (19.2%)(1) | | (61,611,748) |
| Total Net Assets Applicable to Common Stockholders - 100.0%(1) | | \$ 321,029,012 |

- (1) Calculated as a percentage of net assets applicable to common stockholders.
- (2) All or a portion of the security is segregated as collateral for the margin borrowing facility.
- (3) All or a portion of the security represents cover for outstanding call option contracts written.
- (4) Non-income producing security.
- (5) Security distributions are paid-in-kind.
- (6) Rate indicated is the current yield as of February 28, 2015.

ADR = American Depositary Receipts

Tortoise Energy Independence Fund, Inc.
SCHEDULE OF OPTIONS WRITTEN (Unaudited)
February 28, 2015

| Call Options Written | Expiration Date | Strike Price | Contracts | Fair Value |
|---|-----------------|--------------|-----------|--------------|
| Anadarko Petroleum Corporation | March 2015 | \$95.00 | 3,309 | \$(28,126) |
| Antero Resources Corporation | March 2015 | 45.00 | 1,506 | (30,120) |
| Cabot Oil & Gas Corporation | March 2015 | 30.00 | 1,517 | (75,850) |
| Carrizo Oil & Gas, Inc. | March 2015 | 55.00 | 1,980 | (59,400) |
| Chesapeake Energy Corporation | March 2015 | 23.00 | 4,369 | (8,738) |
| Cimarex Energy Co. | March 2015 | 130.00 | 891 | (24,503) |
| Concho Resources Inc. | March 2015 | 130.00 | 1,161 | (14,513) |
| Continental Resources, Inc. | March 2015 | 55.00 | 1,359 | (13,590) |
| Devon Energy Corporation | March 2015 | 70.00 | 1,208 | (7,248) |
| Energen Corporation | March 2015 | 75.00 | 767 | (23,010) |
| EOG Resources, Inc. | March 2015 | 100.00 | 3,633 | (50,862) |
| EQT Corporation | March 2015 | 90.00 | 2,380 | (28,560) |
| Hess Corporation | March 2015 | 82.50 | 337 | (6,234) |
| Marathon Oil Corporation | March 2015 | 31.00 | 4,591 | (32,137) |
| Newfield Exploration Company | March 2015 | 36.00 | 2,760 | (96,600) |
| Noble Energy, Inc. | March 2015 | 52.50 | 2,050 | (61,500) |
| Occidental Petroleum Corporation | March 2015 | 85.00 | 1,921 | (21,131) |
| Pioneer Natural Resources Company | March 2015 | 180.00 | 1,862 | (51,205) |
| Range Resources Corporation | March 2015 | 60.00 | 2,242 | (22,420) |
| Suncor Energy Inc. | March 2015 | 33.00 | 4,656 | (37,248) |
| Whiting Petroleum Corporation | March 2015 | 45.00 | 1,152 | (11,520) |
| Total Value of Call Options Written (Premiums received \$1,838,013) | | | | \$(704,515) |

Various inputs are used in determining the fair value of the Company's financial instruments. These inputs are summarized in the three broad levels listed below:

Level 1 – quoted prices in active markets for identical investments

Level 2 – other significant observable inputs (including quoted prices for similar investments, market corroborated inputs, etc.)

Level 3 – significant unobservable inputs (including the Company's own assumptions in determining the fair value of investments)

The inputs or methodology used for valuing securities are not necessarily an indication of the risk associated with investing in those securities.

The following table provides the fair value measurements of applicable Company assets and liabilities by level within the fair value hierarchy as of February 28, 2015. These assets and liabilities are measured on a recurring basis.

| Description | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 | Total |
|--|----------------------|------------|------------|----------------------|
| Assets | | | | |
| Investments: | | | | |
| Common Stock(a) | \$286,851,472 | \$- | \$- | \$286,851,472 |
| Master Limited Partnerships and Related Companies(a) | 96,405,069 | - | - | 96,405,069 |
| Short-Term Investment(b) | 88,734 | - | - | 88,734 |
| Total Assets | \$383,345,275 | \$- | \$- | \$383,345,275 |
| Liabilities | | | | |
| Written Call Options | \$704,515 | \$- | \$- | \$704,515 |

(a) All other industry classifications are identified in the Schedule of Investments.

(b) Short-term investment is a sweep investment for cash balances.

The Company did not hold any Level 3 securities during the period ended February 28, 2015. The Company utilizes the beginning of reporting period method for determining transfers between levels. There were no transfers between levels for the Company during the period ended February 28, 2015.

Valuation Techniques

In general, and where applicable, the Company uses readily available market quotations based upon the last updated sales price from the principal market to determine fair value. The Company primarily owns securities that are listed on a securities exchange or over-the-counter market. The Company values those securities at their last sale price on that exchange or over-the-counter market on the valuation date. If the security is listed on more than one exchange, the Company uses the price from the exchange that it considers to be the principal exchange on which the security is traded. Securities listed on the NASDAQ are valued at the NASDAQ Official Closing Price, which may not necessarily represent the last sale price. If there has been no sale on such exchange or over-the-counter market on such day, the security is valued at the mean between the last bid price and last ask price on such day. These securities are categorized as Level 1 in the fair value hierarchy as further described below.

Restricted securities are subject to statutory or contractual restrictions on their public resale, which may make it more difficult to obtain a valuation and may limit a fund's ability to dispose of them. Investments in private placement securities and other securities for which market quotations are not readily available are valued in good faith by using certain fair value procedures. Such fair value procedures consider factors such as discounts to publicly traded issues, time until conversion date, securities with similar yields, quality, type of issue, coupon, duration and rating. If events occur that affect the value of the Company's portfolio securities before the net asset value has been calculated (a "significant event"), the portfolio securities so affected are generally priced using fair value procedures.

An equity security of a publicly traded company acquired in a private placement transaction without registration under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "1933 Act"), is subject to restrictions on resale that can affect the security's liquidity and fair value. If such a security is convertible into publicly-traded common shares, the security generally will be valued at the common share market price adjusted by a percentage discount due to the restrictions and categorized as Level 2 in the fair value hierarchy. To the extent that such securities are convertible or otherwise become freely tradable within a time frame that may be reasonably determined, an amortization schedule may be used to determine the discount. If the security has characteristics that are dissimilar to the class of security that trades on the open market, the security will generally be valued and categorized as Level 3 in the fair value hierarchy.

Exchange-traded options are valued at the last reported sale price on any exchange on which they trade. If no sales are reported on any exchange on the measurement date, exchange-traded options are valued at the mean between the highest bid and last lowest asked prices obtained as of the closing of the exchanges on which the option is traded. The value of Flexible Exchange Options (FLEX Options) are determined (i) by an evaluated price as determined by a third-party valuation service; or (ii) by using a quotation provided by a broker-dealer.

The Company generally values debt securities at evaluated bid prices obtained from an independent third-party pricing service that utilizes a pricing matrix based upon yield data for securities with similar characteristics, or based on a direct written broker-dealer quotation from a dealer who has made a market in the security. Debt securities with 60 days or less to maturity are valued on the basis of amortized cost, which approximates market value.

As of February 28, 2015, the aggregate cost of securities for federal income tax purposes was \$386,141,334. The aggregate gross unrealized appreciation for all securities in which there was an excess of fair value over tax cost was \$43,429,680, the aggregate gross unrealized depreciation for all securities in which there was an excess of tax cost over fair value was \$46,225,739 and the net unrealized depreciation was \$2,796,059.

Item 2. Controls and Procedures.

(a)The registrant's Chief Executive Officer and its Chief Financial Officer have concluded that the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 30a-3(c) under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the "1940 Act")) are effective as of a date within 90 days of the filing date of this report, based on the evaluation of these controls and procedures required by Rule 30a-3(b) under the 1940 Act and Rule 13a-15(b) or 15d-15(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

(b)There was no change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 30a-3(d) under the 1940 Act) that occurred during the registrant's last fiscal quarter that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Item 3. Exhibits.

Separate certifications for each principal executive officer and principal financial officer of the registrant as required by Rule 30a-2(a) under the 1940 Act (17 CFR 270.30a-2(a)) are filed herewith.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and 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.

Tortoise Energy Independence Fund, Inc.

Date: April 29, 2015

By: /s/ Terry Matlack
Terry Matlack
Chief Executive Officer

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

Tortoise Energy Independence Fund, Inc.

Date: April 29, 2015

By: /s/ Terry Matlack
Terry Matlack
Chief Executive Officer

Tortoise Energy Independence Fund, Inc.

Date: April 29, 2015

By: /s/ P. Bradley Adams
P. Bradley Adams
Chief Financial Officer