Nuveen Preferred Income Opportunities Fund Form N-Q May 30, 2012

### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 20549

### FORM N-Q

# QUARTERLY SCHEDULE OF PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS OF REGISTERED MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANY

Investment Company Act file number 811-21293

# **Nuveen Preferred Income Opportunities Fund**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

333 West Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60606

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

Kevin J. McCarthy Vice President and Secretary

333 West Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60606

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 $Registrant \ \ s \ telephone \ number, including \ area \ code:$ 

Date of fiscal year

end: 12/31

Date of reporting period:

3/31/2012

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### Item 1. Schedule of Investments

#### Portfolio of Investments (Unaudited) Nuveen Preferred Income Opportunities Fund (JPC) (formerly known as Nuveen Multi-Strategy Income and Growth Fund) March 31, 2012

Shares	Description (1) Common Stocks 2.1% (1.5% of Total Investments)			Value
385,000 127,500 1,700 141,307 533,300	Real Estate 2.1%  Annaly Capital Management Inc.  Hospitality Properties Trust, (2)  Kite Realty Group Trust, (2)  Public Storage, Inc., (2), (3)  Redwood Trust Inc.  Total Real Estate  Total Common Stocks (cost \$19,222,978)			\$ 6,090,700 3,209,175 42,687 3,562,349 5,972,960 18,877,871 <b>18,877,871</b>
Shares	Description (1) \$25 Par (or similar) Preferred Securities	Coupon 64.1% (44.8% of Total Investments)	Ratings (4)	Value
21 761	Capital Markets 4.9% Allied Capital Corporation	6 9759/	BBB	\$ 773,380
31,761 144,440	Ameriprise Financial, Inc.	6.875% 7.750%	A A	\$ 773,380 4,047,209
216,700	Arres Capital Corporation, (2)	7.730%	BBB	5,497,679
95,044	Credit Suisse	7.900%	A3	2,470,194
1,020,880	Deutsche Bank Capital Funding Trust II	6.550%	BBB	24,695,086
7,800	Deutsche Bank Capital Funding Trust IX	6.625%	BBB	188,916
66,500	Gladstone Investment Corporation	7.125%	N/R	1,663,165
35,600	Goldman Sachs Group Inc., Series 2004-4 (		A3	830,548
26,600	Goldman Sachs Group Inc., Series GSC-3 (I		A3	616,854
1,100	Morgan Stanley Capital Trust III	6.250%	Baa2	26,576
1,350	Morgan Stanley Capital Trust IV	6.250%	Baa2	32,765
15,900	Morgan Stanley Capital Trust V	5.750%	Baa2	379,692
41,575	Morgan Stanley Capital Trust VI	6.600%	Baa2	1,031,892
2,500	Morgan Stanley Capital Trust VII	6.600%	Baa2	60,775
88,700	Triangle Capital Corporation	7.000%	N/R	2,260,963
	Total Capital Markets			44,575,694
	Commercial Banks 7.6%			
5,400	Banco Santander Finance	6.410%	A+	121,608
228,986	Banco Santander Finance	6.500%	BBB	5,266,678
35,865	Banco Santander Finance	6.800%	BBB	857,174
707,959	Banco Santander Finance	10.500%	BBB	18,895,426
18,850	Barclays Bank PLC	7.100%	A+	466,538
16,766	Barclays Bank PLC	7.750%	BBB	422,503
200,050	BB&T Capital Trust VI	9.600%	Baa1	5,261,315
71,040	BB&T Capital Trust VII	8.100%	Baa1	1,847,750
101,792	Fifth Third Capital Trust VI	7.250%	Baa3	2,571,266
317,500	First Naigara Finance Group, (2)	8.625%	BB+	8,753,475
290,000	GMAC LLC	7.300%	BB-	6,533,700
30,000	GMAC LLC	7.350%	BB-	686,100
24,100	HSBC Holdings PLC	6.200%	A3	600,090
375,250	HSBC Holdings PLC	8.000%	A3	10,248,078
5,000 26,000	Royal Bank of Scotland Group PLC, Series I	T 7.250% 7.650%	BB BB	110,700
231,000	Royal Bank of Scotland Group PLC Zions Bancorporation	9.500%	BB	611,520 6,022,170
231,000	Total Commercial Banks Consumer Finance 0.4%	9.300 /6	ВВ	69,276,091
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121,300 32,742	GMAC LLC SLM Corporation	7.250% 6.000%	BB BBB-	2,749,871 718,359
32,742	Total Consumer Finance	0.000%	DDB-	·
	Diversified Financial Services 11.2%			3,468,230
103,800	Bank of America Corporation	6.375%	BB+	2,436,186
	Bank of America Corporation		BB+	
100,000 200,000		8.200% 8.625%	BB+ BB+	2,569,000
165,000	Bank of America Corporation Citigroup Capital Trust VII	7.125%	Baa3	5,128,000 4,161,300
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102,000	Citigroup Capital Trust XI, (2)	6.000%	Baa3	2,411,280
67,050	Citigroup Capital Trust XII	8.500%	Baa3	1,716,480
404,268	Citigroup Capital XIII	7.875%	Baa3	10,996,090
54,991	Citigroup Capital XVI	6.450%	Baa3	1,336,281
16,300	Citigroup Capital XVII	6.350%	Baa3	397,068
159,401	Citigroup Inc.	8.125%	BB	4,423,378
265,000	Countrywide Capital Trust III	7.000%	BB+	6,325,550
96,200	Countrywide Capital Trust IV	6.750%	BB+	2,263,586
80,000	GMAC LLC	7.375%	BB-	1,808,000
50,000	ING Groep N.V	6.125%	BBB	1,073,500
25,000	ING Groep N.V	6.375%	BBB	547,500
1,267,139	ING Groep N.V	7.050%	BBB	29,613,037
238,023	ING Groep N.V	7.200%	BBB	5,645,906
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65,000	ING Groep N.V	7.375%	BBB	1,552,200
285,000	ING Groep N.V	8.500%	BBB	7,210,500
57,234	JPMorgan Chase Capital Trust XI	5.875%	A2	1,440,580
23,750	JPMorgan Chase Capital Trust XXIX	6.700%	A2	606,813
50,000	KKR Financial Holdings LLC, (5)	7.500%	BBB	1,251,000
945		8.125%	BB+	23,805
	MBNA Capital Trust			
43,650	Merrill Lynch Capital Trust II	6.450%	BB+	1,035,815
229,792	Merrill Lynch Preferred Capital Trust V	7.280%	BB+	5,714,927
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	Total Diversified Financial Services			101,687,782
	Diversified Telecommunication Services 1.1%			
255,000	Qwest Corporation, WI/DD, (5)	0.000%	Baa2	6,354,600
2,500	Qwest Corporation	7.375%	BBB-	65,100
133,165	Qwest Corporation	7.500%	BBB-	3,476,938
,	Total Diversified Telecommunication Services			9,896,638
				3,030,030
	Electric Utilities 1.0%			
317,451	Entergy Texas Inc.	7.875%	BBB+	8,872,755
,	Insurance 14.5%			-,,
118,745	Aegon N.V, (2)	8.000%	Baa1	3,103,994
1,315,987	Aegon N.V	6.375%	Baa1	31,715,284
264,200	Allianz SE, (5)	8.375%	A+	6,852,688
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898,410	Arch Capital Group Limited, WI/DD, (5)	6.750%	BBB	22,769,123
160,973	Arch Capital Group Limited	8.000%	BBB	4,082,275
			BBB	
985,795	Axis Capital Holdings Limited	6.875%		25,630,669
125,000	Endurance Specialty Holdings Limited, (2)	7.500%	BBB-	3,227,500
275,725	EverestRe Capital Trust II	6.200%	Baa1	6,824,194
257,000	Maiden Holdings NA Limited	0.000%	BBB-	6,399,300
480,294	PartnerRe Limited	6.750%	BBB+	12,021,759
81,503	PLC Capital Trust III	7.500%	BBB	2,064,471
16,900	PLC Capital Trust IV	7.250%	BBB	425,880
126,730	Prudential Financial Inc.	9.000%	BBB+	3,428,047
24,617	Prudential PLC	6.750%	Α-	628,964
87,828	RenaissanceRe Holdings Limited, Series C	6.080%	BBB+	2,193,943
27,197	RenaissanceRe Holdings Limited, Series D	6.600%	BBB+	681,557
, -	Total Insurance			132,049,648
				132,049,040
	Media 0.6%			
44,500	Comcast Corporation	6.625%	BBB+	1,125,850
186,519	Comcast Corporation	7.000%	BBB+	4,690,953
100,519		7.000 /8	DDDT	
	Total Media			5,816,803
	Multi-Utilities 1.5%			
338,834	Dominion Resources Inc.	8.375%	BBB	9,616,109
11,289	DTE Energy Company	6.500%	BBB-	307,851
153,951	Xcel Energy Inc.	7.600%	BBB	3,978,094
,	Total Multi-Utilities			13,902,054
				13,902,034
	Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels 0.8%			
75,000	Magnum Hunter Resources Corporation	8.000%	N/A	3,637,500
150,000	Nexen Inc, DD1	7.350%	BB+	3,795,000
	Total Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels			7,432,500
	Real Estate 19.0%			
050 000		9.0000/	NI/A	6.050.000
250,000	American Capital Agency, WI/DD, (5)	8.000%	N/A	6,250,000
369,524	Ashford Hospitality Trust Inc.	8.450%	N/R	8,960,957
50,000	Ashford Hospitality Trust Inc.	8.550%	N/R	1,218,500
68,900	Ashford Hospitality Trust Inc.	9.000%	N/A	1,750,060
298,568	CBL & Associates Properties Inc., DD1	7.375%	N/R	7,464,200
649,597	CommomWealth REIT	7.125%	Baa3	16,097,014
59,021	CommomWealth REIT	7.500%	Baa2	1,313,217
153,661	Developers Diversified Realty Corporation, (2)	7.375%	Ba1	3,847,671
16,200	Digital Realty Trust Inc.	7.000%	Baa3	427,032
10,200	Digital nealty Trust IIIC.	1.0007/0	Daas	421,032

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6,800	Duke Realty Corporation, Series K	6.500%		Baa3	169,592
71,421	Duke Realty Corporation, Series L	6.600%		Baa3	1,799,095
2,300	Duke Realty Corporation, Series O	8.375%		Baa3	59,823
12,248	Duke-Weeks Realty Corporation	6.625%		Baa3	306,567
100,000	Dupont Fabros Technology	7.625%		Ba2	2,545,000
100,000	Dupont Fabros Technology, (2)	7.875%		Ba2	2,588,000
250,000	First Potomac Realty Trust, (2)	7.750%		N/R	6,252,500
700	Harris Preferred Capital Corporation, Series A	7.375%		BBB+	17,815
80,000 75,000	Health Care REIT, Inc., (5) Hospitality Properties Trust	6.500% 7.000%		Baa3 Baa3	2,010,320
178,580	Inland Real Estate Corporation	8.250%		N/R	1,884,000 4,569,862
317,217	Kimco Realty Corporation	6.650%		Baa2	7,939,942
57,482	Kimco Realty Corporation	6.900%		Baa2	1,558,912
336,186	Kimco Realty Corporation	7.750%		Baa2	8,539,124
275,000	Northstar Realty Finance Corporation	8.250%		N/R	6,352,500
51,275	Prologis Inc., (2)	6.750%		BB	1,288,541
40,000	Prologis Inc.	6.750%		BB	1,008,000
43,605	Prologis Inc., (5)	8.540%		Baa3	2,511,378
119,921	PS Business Parks, Inc., (2), (5)	6.450%		Baa3	3,007,499
22,000	PS Business Parks, Inc.	6.875%		BBB	568,480
7,500	Public Storage, Inc.	6.500%		A-	206,025
20,120	Public Storage, Inc.	6.600%		A-	511,853 206,973
8,269 29,949	Public Storage, Inc. Public Storage, Inc.	6.625% 6.875%		A- A-	825,394
250,000	Realty Income Corporation	6.625%		Baa2	6,362,500
126,701	Realty Income Corporation	6.750%		Baa2	3,173,860
217,000	Regency Centers Corporation	6.625%		Baa3	5,522,650
640,179	Vornado Realty LP	7.875%		BBB	17,617,726
2,300	Vornado Realty Trust	6.750%		BBB-	58,236
577,232	Wachovia Preferred Funding Corporation	7.250%		BBB+	14,904,130
79,721	Weingarten Realty Trust	6.500%		Baa3	1,995,417
28,500	Weingarten Realty Trust	6.950%		Baa3	713,355
582,230	Weingarten Realty Trust, Preferred Securities	6.750%		Baa3	14,544,105
125,000	Winthrop Realty Trust Inc.	9.250%		N/R	3,172,500
	Total Real Estate Investment Trust				172,120,325
108,000	U.S. Agency 0.8%  Cobank Agricultural Credit Bank, 144A, (5)	7.000%		BBB+	5,109,750
31,000	Cobank Agricultural Credit Bank, 144A, (5)  Cobank Agricultural Credit Bank, (5)	7.000% 11.000%		ввв+ А	1,678,845
31,000	Total U.S. Agency	11.00076		A	6,788,595
	Wireless Telecommunication Services 0.7%				0,700,000
134,273	Telephone and Data Systems Inc.	6.875%		Baa2	3,505,868
35,213	Telephone and Data Systems Inc.	7.000%		Baa2	922,933
72,427	United States Cellular Corporation	6.950%		Baa2	1,888,899
	Total Wireless Telecommunication Services				6,317,700
	Total \$25 Par (or similar) Preferred Securities (cost \$	575,067,867)			582,204,815
Principal	Description (1)	Coumon	Meturity	Detings (4)	Value
Amount (000)	Corporate Bonds 9.7% (6.7% of Total	Coupon	Maturity	Ratings (4)	Value
	Investments)				
	Capital Markets 0.2%				
\$ 2,800	State Street Capital Trust IV,	1.469%	6/15/47	A3	\$ 2,057,975
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	Commercial Banks 1.4%				
4,500	BBVA Global Finance	7.000%	12/01/25	A2	4,396,041
	Limited				
1,900	Santander Issuances, 144A	6.500%	8/11/19	A2	1,798,774
7,119	UniCredito Luxembourg Finance SA, 144A	6.000%	10/31/17	A3	6,326,940
13,519	Total Commercial Banks				12,521,755
F 000	Consumer Finance 0.6%	F 00F0/	0/04/00	DDD	4.000.700
5,000 1,000	SLM Corporation SLM Corporation	5.625% 7.250%	8/01/33 1/25/22	BBB- BBB-	4,268,760 1,044,824
6,000	Total Consumer Finance	7.230%	1/23/22	DDD-	5,313,584
0,000	Diversified Telecommunication Services 0.2%				5,515,564
2,000	Telecom Italia Capital	7.721%	6/04/38	BBB	1,950,000
_,000	Electric Utilities 0.4%	=170	3, 3 1, 60	222	.,000,000
2,000	FPL Group Capital Inc.	6.650%	6/15/17	BBB	2,050,000
1,450	WPS Resource Corporation	6.110%	12/01/16	BBB	1,450,000
3,450	Total Electric Utilities				3,500,000
	Independent Power Producers & Energy Traders 0.	.6%			

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5,830	NRG Energy Inc.	7.875%	5/15/21	BB	5,596,800
	Insurance 5.4%				
21,922		8.175%	5/15/68	BBB	23,204,437
0.000	Group, Inc.	7.0050/	0/04/04	555	0.400.440
3,000		7.625%	9/24/21	BBB	3,103,413
6,000		7.200%	2/15/21	BBB	6,110,472
3,500		7.650%	6/15/27	BBB-	3,987,711
5,000	· ·	8.450%	10/15/39	A-	5,788,905
7,500		7.250%	5/24/41	BBB+	7,068,750
	II, 144A				
46,922	Total Insurance				49,263,688
	Media 0.9%				
7,588	RR Donnelley & Son	8.250%	3/15/19	BB+	7,550,060
	Company				
\$ 88,109	Total Corporate Bonds (cost \$86,220,390)				87,753,862
Principal					
Amount (000)/					
Shares	Description (1)	Coupon	Maturity	Ratings (4)	Value
	Capital Preferred Securities 57.0% (39.8% of Total In	vestments)			
	Capital Markets 0.6%				
500	Credit Suisse thru Claudius	8.250%	6/27/49	A3	\$ 515,000
	Limited				
3,500	Credit Suisse AG	7.875%	12/12/49	BBB	3,570,000
1,500,000		8.375%	12/29/49	Ba1	1,488,900
, ,	Total Capital Markets				5,573,900
	Commercial Banks 13.2%				2,2:2,222
6,445		8.963%	6/30/30	BBB	6,509,450
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4,200	ABN AMRO North America Holding Capital, 144A	6.523%	12/31/49	BB+	3,402,000
500		6.968%	12/15/50	BB+	296,094
4,581		7.434%	12/15/17	BBB	4,617,685
2,000		6.860%	6/15/32	BBB	1,870,000
2,000	Regulation S, 144A	0.000 /6	0/13/32	000	1,070,000
18,219		6.278%	12/15/34	BBB	15,269,799
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800	·	5.850%	8/18/35	Baa1	805,736
4,200		6.820%	6/12/77	Baa1	4,242,000
2,000		7.195%	12/25/37	BBB+	1,775,000
9,000		8.234%	2/01/27	BBB	8,935,848
1,000,000		1.000%	12/31/49	Α	478,000
500		0.600%	6/11/49	Α-	242,500
1,300		10.176%	6/30/50	A3	1,716,000
	Debt				
1,500	HSBC Financial Capital	5.911%	11/30/35	BBB+	1,407,240
	Trust IX				
500,000	National Australia Bank	8.000%	9/29/49	Baa1	538,975
4,200	Nordea Bank AB	8.375%	3/25/15	BBB+	4,426,800
8,000	North Fork Capital Trust II	8.000%	12/15/27	Baa3	8,080,000
10,000	PNC Financial Services Inc.	6.750%	8/01/21	BBB	10,543,200
11,135	Rabobank Nederland, 144A	11.000%	6/30/19	Α	14,141,450
600	Reliance Capital Trust I,	8.170%	5/01/28	N/R	599,748
	Series B				
3,300	Standard Chartered PLC,	7.014%	7/30/37	BBB+	3,204,462
,	144A				
_	Union Planters Preferred	7.750%	7/15/53	BB	5,782,500
	(6) Fund, 144A				
19,100	( )	7.980%	9/15/99	Α	20,795,125
10,100	Series K	7.00070	0/10/00	, ,	20,700,120
	Total Commercial Banks				119,679,612
	Commercial Services & Supplies 0.3%				110,070,012
2		6.125%	4/15/50	Baa1	2,296,109
۷	Consumer Finance 0.2%	0.120/0	<del>4</del> /13/30	Daai	2,230,103
1 000		6.745%	2/05/82	Baa3	1,000,000
1,000	·	0.745%	2/05/62	□dd3	1,000,000
050	Corporation	0.0750/	E/4E/40	D0	0EF 740
850	·	8.875%	5/15/40	Baa3	855,712
	Total Consumer Finance				1,855,712
	Diversified Financial				
	Services 5.8%	0.7500	0/0:/0-	• •	00= ::-
600	·	8.750%	9/01/30	A2	827,110
3,100		8.000%	12/15/26	BB+	3,131,000

1.500		BankAmerica Capital II,				
3,500   BankAmerica Institutional   8,070%   12/31/26   BB+ 3,517/500   Trust, 144A   1,550   CiliGroup Capital XXI   8,300%   4/30/18   Baai 1,564,722   7.501   Montgran Chase & 7,500%   4/30/18   Baai 1,962/2,954   7.501   Montgran Chase Capital Trust XX Ser T   6,550%   9/29/38   A2 6,787/5,500   7.501   Montgran Chase Capital Trust XX Ser T   6,500%   9/29/38   A2 6,787/5,500   7.501   Montgran Chase Capital Trust XX Ser T   6,500%   9/29/38   A2 6,787/5,500   7.501   Montgran Chase Capital Trust XX Ser T   6,500%   10/16/7   A2 6,787/5,500   7.501   Montgran Chase Capital Trust XX Ser T   7,830%   12/15/26   BB+ 7,347/750   MB Capital Trust XX Ser T   7,830%   12/15/26   BB+ 7,347/750   MB Capital Trust XX Ser X   7,830%   12/15/26   BB+ 9,990,630   MB Capital Trust XX Ser X   7,830%   10/11/66   BBB 2,346,000   MB Capital Trust XX Ser X   7,830%   10/11/66   BBB 2,346,000   MB Capital Trust XX Ser X   7,830%   10/11/66   BBB 2,346,000   MB Capital Trust XX Ser X   7,830%   10/11/66   BBB 2,346,000   MB Capital Trust XX Ser X   7,830%   10/11/66   BBB 2,346,000   MB Capital Trust XX Ser X   7,830%   10/11/66   BBB 2,346,000   MB Capital Trust XX Ser X   7,830%   10/11/66   BBB 2,346,000   MB Capital Trust XX Ser X   7,830%   10/11/66   BBB 2,346,000   MB Capital Trust XX Ser X   7,830%   10/11/66   BBB 2,346,000   MB Capital Trust XX Ser X   7,830%   10/11/66   BBB 2,346,000   MB Capital Trust XX Ser X   7,830%   10/11/66   BBB 2,346,000   MB Capital Trust XX Ser X   7,830%   10/11/66   MB Capital Trust XX Ser X   7,830%   10/11/66   MB Capital Trust XX Ser X   7,800%   10/11/67   BBB 3,223,346   MB Capital Trust XX Ser X   7,830%   10/11/67   BBB 3,223,345   MB Capital Trust XX Ser X   7,830%   10/11/67   BBB 3,223,345   MB Capital Trust XX Ser X   7,830%   10/16/67   MB Capital Trust XX Ser X   7,850%   10/16/67	1,500		7.700%	12/31/26	BBB-	1,492,500
1.550   CitiGroup Capital XXI	3,500	BankAmerica Institutional	8.070%	12/31/26	BB+	3,517,500
Company		CitiGroup Capital XXI				
6.500 JPMorgan Chase Capital	•	Company				
7.275 MBNA Capital Trust II 7.830% 12/15/26 BB+ 7.347/750 PB		JPMorgan Chase Capital				
Total Diversified Financial Services Electric Utilities 1.4% Electric Utilities 1.4% Electric Utilities 1.5,336,630 Total Electric Utilities 1.5,336,630 Electric Utiliti		MBNA Capital Trust				
2,300   FPL Group Capital Inc.   6,350%   10/01/66   BBB   2,346,000   10/0000   Company   Total Electric Utilities   12,336,630   Inc.   In		Total Diversified Financial				
100,000   Southern California Edison						
Company   Total Electric Utilities   12,336,630   Insurance   33,5%						
Insurance   33.5%	100,000	Company	6.000%	12/31/49	BBB+	
7.493         Allstate Corporation         6.125%         5/15/67         Baa1         7,382,506           20.425         AXA SA, 144A         6.379%         12/14/36         Baa1         17,985,730           3,800         AXA         8.600%         12/15/30         A3         3,975,334           84         Axis Capital Holdings         7.500%         12/01/15         BBB         8.722,116           16,465         Caltin Insurance Company         7.249%         1/19/17         BBB         15,065,475           4,870,000         Cloverie PLC Zurich         0.000%         1/18/18         A3         5,149,295           1,575,000         Jai-lchi Mutual Life, 144A         7.250%         3/15/61         A3         2,246,250           3,1040         Financial Security Assurance Holdings, 144A         6.400%         12/15/36         Baa1         22,348,800           3,1040         Einancial Security Assurance Holdings, 144A         6.625%         11/15/34         A-         7,453,160           3,500         Lincoln Mational Group Teach         10,750%         6/15/58         Baa3         4,815,000           4,640         Liberty Mutual Group, 144A         7,800%         3/15/37         Baa2         1,450,000           1,650						12,000,000
20,425	7,493		6.125%	5/15/67	Baa1	7,352,506
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Limited						
Limited   Cloverie PLC Zurich   0.000%   1/18/18		Limited				
4,870,000 Cloverie PLC Zurich Insurance         0.000% I1/8/18         A3         5,149,295 Insurance           2,750,000 Dal-Ichi Mutual Life, 144A         7.250% 3/15/61         A3         2,846,250           31,040 Financial Security Assurance Holdings, 144A         6.400% 12/15/36         Baa1         22,348,800           23,745 Glen Meadows Pass Through Trust         6.505% 2/15/17         BB + 18,224,288           7,000 Great West Life & Annuity Capital I, 144A         6.625% 11/15/34         A - 7,453,150           8,000 Liberly Mutual Group Inc.         10,750% 6/15/58         Baa3         4,815,000           16,300 Liberly Mutual Group Inc.         10,750% 6/15/58         Baa3         15,892,500           3,500 Liberly Mutual Group, 144A         7.800% 3/15/37         BaB 3         15,892,500           3,500 Lincoln National Corporation         6.050% 4/20/17         BBB 3,263,750           1,630 Lincoln National Corporation         7.000% 5/17/66         BBB 3,773,250           1,7465 MetLife Capital Trust IV,         7.875% 12/15/67         BBB 20,443,650           1,7465 MetLife Capital Trust IV,         7.875% 12/15/67         BBB 20,443,650           1,150 Nationwide Financial Services Capital Trust IV,         7.899% 3/01/37         Baa2 30,346,874           1,150 Nationwide Financial Services Capital Trust IV,         7.899% 3/01/37	16,465		7.249%	1/19/17	BBB+	15,065,475
2,750,000   Dai-Ichi Mutual Life, 144A   7.250%   31/5/61   A3   2,846,250	4,870,000	Cloverie PLC Zurich	0.000%	1/18/18	А3	5,149,295
23,745   Glen Meadows Pass	2,750,000		7.250%	3/15/61	A3	2,846,250
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3,600   Liberty Mutual Group Inc., 144A   10,750%   6/15/58   Baa3   4,815,000   144A   144	23,745		6.505%	2/15/17	BB+	18,224,288
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3,500		144A	10.750%	6/15/58	Baa3	
3,900   Lincoln National Corporation   7.000%   5/17/66   BBB   3,773,250     18,670   MetLife Capital Trust IV,   7.875%   12/15/67   BBB   20,443,650     144A   17,465   MetLife Capital Trust X,   9.250%   4/08/68   BBB   21,045,325     17,465   MetLife Capital Trust X,   9.250%   4/08/68   BBB   21,045,325     144A   32,370   National Financial Services   6.750%   5/15/37   Baa2   30,346,874     10c.   1,150   Nationwide Financial Services Capital Trust   7.899%   3/01/37   Baa2   1,146,716     6,400   Oil Insurance Limited, 144A   7.558%   12/30/56   Baa1   5,998,592     5,600   Progressive Corporation   6.700%   6/15/67   A2   5,810,000     3,800   Prudential Financial Inc.   8.875%   6/15/18   BBB+   4,484,000     7,200   Prudential PLC   6.500%   6/23/49   A-   6,829,200     5,300   Prudential PLC   7.750%   3/23/49   A-   6,829,200     5,300   Prudential PLC   7.750%   3/23/49   A-   5,403,350     4,600   QBE Capital Funding Trust   6.797%   6/01/49   BBB+   4,139,531     19,359   Swiss Re Capital I   6.854%   5/25/16   A   18,274,335     8,765   Symetra Financial   8,300%   10/15/37   BBB-   8,589,700     Corporation, 144A   1,000   12/15/65   A   10,246,500     10,350   ZFS Finance USA Trust II   6.450%   12/15/65   A   965,000     10,350   ZFS Finance USA Trust II   6.450%   12/15/65   A   965,000     10,350   ZFS Finance USA Trust II   6.450%   12/15/65   A   965,000     10,362   ZFS Finance USA Trust II   6.450%   12/15/65   A   965,000     10,362   ZFS Finance USA Trust II   6.450%   12/15/65   A   10,246,500     10,362   ZFS Finance USA Trust II   6.450%   12/15/65   A   10,246,500     10,362   ZFS Finance USA Trust II   6.450%   12/15/65   A   10,246,500     10,362   ZFS Finance USA Trust II   1.444   1						
18,670         MetLife Capital Trust IV, 144A         7.875%         12/15/67         BBB         20,443,650           17,465         MetLife Capital Trust X, 144A         9.250%         4/08/68         BBB         21,045,325           32,370         National Financial Services Inc.         6.750%         5/15/37         Baa2         30,346,874           1,150         Nationwide Financial Services Capital Trust         7.899%         3/01/37         Baa2         1,146,716           6,400         Oil Insurance Limited, 144A         7.558%         12/30/56         Baa1         5,998,592           5,600         Progressive Corporation         6.700%         6/15/67         A2         5,810,000           3,800         Prudential Financial Inc.         8.875%         6/15/18         BBB+         4,484,000           7,200         Prudential PLC         6.500%         6/23/49         A-         6,829,200           5,300         Prudential PLC         7.750%         3/23/49         A-         5,403,350           4,600         QBE Capital Funding Trust         6.797%         6/01/49         BBB+         4,139,531           19,359         Swiss Re Capital         8.300%         10/15/37         BBB-         8,589,700           21,30						
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		Total Capital Preferred Securities (cost				

Shares	Description (1)	Value
	Investment Companies 5.2% (3.7% of Total Investments)	
354,750	BlackRock Credit Allocation Income Trust II	\$ 3,728,423
500,000	iShares FTSE NAREIT Mortgage Plus Capped Index Fund	6,760,000
69,000	iShares iBoxx \$ High Yield Corporate Bond Fund	6,267,960
270,000	iShares S&P US Preferred Stock Index Fund	10,540,800
259,567	John Hancock Preferred Income Fund III, (3)	4,620,292
350,000	PowerShares Financial Preferred Portfolio	6,265,000
425,000	PowerShares Preferred	6,107,250
	Portfolio	
80,000	SPDR Wells Fargo Preferred Stock ETF	3,593,600
	Total Investment Companies (cost \$51,425,261)	47,883,325

Principal Amount (000)	Description (1)		Maturity	Value	
Φ 45.004	Short-Term Investments - 5.0% (3.5% of Total Investments)	0.0400/	4/00/40	Ф 4F 000 740	
\$ 45,684	Repurchase Agreement with Fixed Income Clearing	0.010%	4/02/12	\$ 45,683,716	
	Corporation, dated 3/30/12, repurchase price \$45,683,754,				
	collateralized by \$45,500,000 U.S. Treasury Notes,				
	1.500%, due 12/31/13, value \$46,601,874				
	Total Short-Term Investments (cost \$45,683,716)			45,683,716	
	Total Investments (cost \$1,287,247,152) 143.1%			1,300,116,461	
	Borrowings (38.3)% (7), (8)			(348,000,000)	
	Other Assets Less Liabilities (4.8)% (9)			(43,478,917)	
	Net Assets Applicable to Common Shares 100%			908,637,544	

#### Investments in Derivatives at March 31, 2012

#### Interest Rate Swaps outstanding:

		Fund			Fixed Rate		Unrealized
Counterparty	Notional Amount	Pay/Receive Floating Rate	Floating Rate Index		Payment Frequency	Termination Date	Appreciation (Depreciation)
		_	1-Month				
JPMorgan	\$69,725,000	Receive	USD-LIBOR 1-Month	1.193%	Monthly	3/21/14	\$(1,074,903)
Morgan Stanley	69,725,000	Receive	USD-LIBOR	2.064	Monthly	3/21/16	(3,290,858) \$(4,365,761)

<sup>\*</sup> Annualized

#### **Fair Value Measurements**

Fair value is defined as the price that the Fund would receive upon selling an investment or transferring a liability in an orderly transaction to an independent buyer in the principal or most advantageous market for the investment. A three-tier hierarchy is used to maximize the use of observable market data and minimize the use of unobservable inputs and to establish classification of fair value measurements for disclosure purposes. Observable inputs reflect the assumptions market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability. Observable inputs are based on market data obtained from sources independent of the reporting entity. Unobservable inputs reflect the reporting entity is own assumptions about the assumptions market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability. Unobservable inputs are based on the best information available in the circumstances. The three-tier hierarchy of inputs is summarized in the three broad levels listed below:

Level 1 - Quoted prices in active markets for identical securities.

Level 2 - Other significant observable inputs (including quoted prices for similar securities, interest rates, prepayment speeds, credit risk, etc.).

Level 3 - Significant unobservable inputs (including management s assumptions in determining the fair value of investments).

The inputs or methodologies used for valuing securities are not an indication of the risk associated with investing in those securities. The following is a summary of the Fund s fair value measurements as of March 31, 2012:

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Long-Term Investments:				
Common Stocks	\$ 18,877,871	\$	\$	\$18,877,871
\$25 Par (or similar) Preferred Securities*	524,409,612	57,795,203		582,204,815
Corporate Bonds		87,753,862		87,753,862
Capital Preferred Securities		517,712,872		517,712,872
Investment Companies	47,883,325			47,883,325
Short-Term Investments:				
Repurchase Agreements		45,683,716		45,683,716
Derivatives:				
Interest Rate Swaps**		(4,365,761)		(4,365,761)
Total	\$591,170,808	\$704,579,892	\$	\$1,295,750,700

<sup>\*</sup> Refer to the Fund s Portfolio of Investments for industry breakdown of \$25 par (or similar) Preferred Securities classified as Level 2.

The following is a reconciliation of the Fund s Level 3 investments held at the beginning and end of the measurement period:

	Level 3 Convertible	Level 3	Level 3
	Bonds	Warrants	Total
Balance at the beginning of period	\$2,279,279	\$10,670	\$2,289,949
Gains (losses):			
Net realized gains (losses)	433,947		433,947
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation)	(395,035)	(10,670)	(405,705)
Purchases at cost			
Sales at proceeds	(2,318,191)		(2,318,191)
Net discounts (premiums)			
Transfers in to			
Transfers out of			
Balance at the end of period	\$	\$	\$

The table below presents the transfers in and out of the three valuation levels for the Fund as of the end of the reporting period when compared to the valuation levels at the end of the previous fiscal year. Changes in the leveling of investments are primarily due to changes in the observability of inputs.

Level 1		Le	vel 2	Level 3		
	Transfers In	(Transfers Out)	Transfers In	(Transfers Out)	Transfers In	(Transfers Out)
\$	486,611	\$	\$	(486,611) \$	\$	\$

#### **Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities**

The Fund records derivative instruments at fair value, with changes in fair value recognized on the Statement of Operations, when applicable. Even though the Fund s investments in derivatives may represent economic hedges, they are not considered to be hedge transactions for financial reporting purposes.

The following table presents the fair value of all derivative instruments held by the Fund as of March 31, 2012, the location of these instruments on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities, and the primary underlying risk exposure.

		Location on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities			
Underlying	Derivative	Asset Derivatives		Liability Derivatives	
Risk Exposure	Instrument	Location	Value	Location	Value
Interest Rate	Swaps	Unrealized appreciation on interest rate swaps*	\$	Unrealized depreciation on interest rate swaps*	\$(4,365,761)

<sup>\*\*</sup> Represents net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) as reported in the Fund s Portfolio of Investments.

\* Value represents cumulative unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of interest rate swap contracts as reported on the Fund s Portfolio of Investments.

#### **Income Tax Information**

The following information is presented on an income tax basis. Differences between amounts for financial statement and federal income tax purposes are primarily due to the treatment of paydown gains and losses, recognition of premium amortization, timing differences in the recognition of income on real estate investment trust (REIT) investments and timing differences in recognizing certain gains and losses on investment transactions. To the extent that differences arise that are permanent in nature, such amounts are reclassified within the capital accounts on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities presented in the annual report, based on their federal tax basis treatment; temporary differences do not require reclassification. Temporary and permanent differences do not impact the net asset value of the Fund.

At March 31, 2012, the cost of investments (excluding investments in derivatives) was \$1,288,902,882.

Gross unrealized appreciation and gross unrealized depreciation of investments (excluding investments in derivatives) at March 31, 2012, were as follows:

Gross unrealized:

Appreciation \$ 27,050,542
Depreciation \$ (15,836,963)

Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investments \$ 11,213,579

For Fund portfolio compliance purposes, the Fund s industry classifications refer to any one or more of the industry sub-classifications used by one or more widely recognized market indexes or ratings group indexes, and/or as defined by Fund management. This definition may not apply for purposes of this report, which may combine industry sub-classifications into sectors for reporting ease.

- All percentages shown in the Portfolio of Investments are based on net assets applicable to Common shares unless otherwise noted.
- (2) Non-income producing; issuer has not declared a dividend within the past twelve months.
- (3) Investment, or portion of investment, has been pledged to collateralize the net payment obligations for investments in derivatives.
- (4) Ratings: Using the highest of Standard & Poor s Group (Standard & Poor s), Moody s Investors Service, Inc. (Moody s) or Fitch, Inc. (Fitch) rating. Ratings below BBB by Standard & Poor s, Baa by Moody s or BBB by Fitch are considered to be below investment grade. Holdings designated N/R are not rated by any of these national rating agencies.
- (5) For fair value measurement disclosure purposes, \$25 Par (or similar) Preferred Security categorized as Level 2.
- (6) Principal Amount (000) rounds to less than \$1,000.
- (7) Borrowings as a percentage of Total Investments is 26.8%.
- (8) The Fund may pledge up to 100% of its eligible investments in the Portfolio of Investments as collateral for Borrowings. As of March 31, 2012, investments with a value of \$808,052,868 have been pledged as collateral for Borrowings.
- (9) Other Assets Less Liabilities includes the Net Unrealized Apprecation (Depreciation) of derivative instruments as noted within Investments in Derivatives at March 31, 2012.
- N/A Not applicable.
- N/R Not Rated
- DD1 Investment, or portion of investment, purchased on a delayed delivery basis.
- WI/DD Purchased on a when-issued or delayed delivery basis.
- 144A Investment is exempt from registration under Rule 144A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. These investments may only be resold in transactions exempt from registration which are normally those transactions with qualified institutional buyers
- CORTS Corporate Backed Trust Securities.
- PPLUS PreferredPlus Trust.

USD-LIBOR United States Dollar London Inter-Bank Offered Rate.

#### Item 2. Controls and Procedures.

- a. The registrant s principal executive and principal financial officers, or persons performing similar functions, have concluded that the registrant s disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 30a-3(c) under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the 1940 Act ) (17 CFR 270.30a-3(c))) are effective, as of a date within 90 days of the filing date of this report that includes the disclosure required by this paragraph, based on their evaluation of the controls and procedures required by Rule 30a-3(b) under the 1940 Act (17 CFR 270.30a-3(b)) and Rule 13a-15(b) or 15d-15(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (17 CFR 240.13a-15(b) or 240.15d-15(b)).
- b. There were no changes in the registrant s internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 30a-3(d) under the 1940 Act (17 CFR 270.30a-3(d)) that occurred during the registrant s last fiscal quarter that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant s internal control over financial reporting.

#### Item 3. Exhibits.

File as exhibits as part of this Form a separate certification 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)), exactly as set forth below: EX-99 CERT Attached hereto.

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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, the registrant has duly cause	d
this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.	

(Registrant) Nuveen Preferred Income Opportunities Fund

By (Signature and Title) /s/ Kevin J. McCarthy

Kevin J. McCarthy

Vice President and Secretary

#### Date May 30, 2012

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.

By (Signature and Title) /s/ Gifford R. Zimmerman

Gifford R. Zimmerman

Chief Administrative Officer (principal executive officer)

Date May 30, 2012

By (Signature and Title) /s/ Stephen D. Foy

Stephen D. Foy

Vice President and Controller (principal financial officer)

Date May 30, 2012