

Cushing MLP Total Return Fund  
Form N-PX  
August 30, 2010

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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 20549

FORM N-PX

ANNUAL REPORT OF PROXY VOTING RECORD OF REGISTERED  
MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANY

Investment Company Act file number 811-22072

The Cushing MLP Total Return Fund  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

3300 Oak Lawn Avenue, Suite 650, Dallas, TX 75219  
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

Jerry V. Swank  
3300 Oak Lawn Avenue, Suite 650, Dallas, TX 75219  
(Name and address of agent for service)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 214-692-6334

Date of fiscal year end: November 30

Date of reporting period: June 30, 2010

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Item 1. Proxy Voting Record.

Name of Fund: Cushing MLP Total Return Fund  
 Period: July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010

| Company Name                      | Meeting Date | CUSIP     | Ticker |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|-----------|--------|
| Dreyfus Instl Cash Advantage Inst | 6/24/2010    | 26200V104 | DADXX  |

| Vote | MRV | Proposal   | Proposed by Issuer or Security Holder |
|------|-----|--|---------------------------------------|
| For  | For | 1. To approve an amended Management agreement Between the company , on behalf of the Fund, and Dreyfus Corporation | Issuer                                |

| Company Name                 | Meeting Date | CUSIP     | Ticker |
|------------------------------|--------------|-----------|--------|
| Markwest Energy Partners, LP | 4/7/2010     | 570759100 | MWE    |

| Vote | MRV | Proposal    | Proposed by Issuer or Security Holder |
|------|-----|-------------|---------------------------------------|
| For  | For | 1. DIRECTOR | Issuer                                |
| For  |     | Director 1  |                                       |
| For  |     | Director 2  |                                       |
| For  |     | Director 3  |                                       |
| For  |     | Director 4  |                                       |
| For  |     | Director 5  |                                       |
| For  |     | Director 6  |                                       |
| For  |     | Director 7  |                                       |
| For  |     | Director 8  |                                       |
| For  |     | Director 9  |                                       |

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For

2. RATIFICATION OF  
DELOITTE & TOUCHE  
LLP AS THE  
PARTNERSHIP'S  
INDEPENDENT  
REGISTERED PUBLIC  
ACCOUNTANTS FOR  
THE FISCAL YEAR  
ENDING DECEMBER  
31, 2010

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| Company Name       | Meeting Date | CUSIP     | Ticker |
| Legacy Reserves LP | 5/12/2010    | 524707304 | LGCY   |

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| Vote | MRV | Proposal    | Proposed by Issuer<br>or<br>Security Holder |
| For  | For | 1. DIRECTOR | Issuer                                      |
| For  |     | Director 1  |   |
| For  |     | Director 2  |   |
| For  |     | Director 3  |   |
| For  |     | Director 4  |   |
| For  |     | Director 5  |   |
| For  |     | Director 6  |   |
| For  |     | Director 7  |   |

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| Company Name                       | Meeting Date | CUSIP     | Ticker |
| Vanguard Natural<br>Resources, LLc | 5/11/2010    | 92205F106 | VNR    |

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| Vote | MRV | Proposal    | Proposed by Issuer<br>or Security Holder |
| For  | For | 1. DIRECTOR | Issuer                                   |
| For  |     | Director 1  |  |
| For  |     | Director 2  |  |
| For  |     | Director 3  |  |
| For  |     | Director 4  |  |
| For  |     | Director 5  |  |

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For Director 6

For 2. TO RATIFY THE APPOINTMENT OF BDO SEIDMAN, LLP AS OUR INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM FOR 2010

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|--------------------|--------------|-----------|--------|
| Company Name       | Meeting Date | CUSIP     | Ticker |
| Copano Energy, LLC | 5/11/2010    | 217202100 | CPNO   |

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| Vote | MRV | Proposal    | Proposed by Issuer or Security Holder |
| For  | For | 1. DIRECTOR | Issuer                                |

For Director 1  
 For Director 2  
 For Director 3  
 For Director 4  
 For Director 5  
 For Director 6  
 For Director 7

For 2. RATIFICATION OF DELOITTE & TOUCHE LLP AS THE PARTNERSHIP'S INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS FOR 2010

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| Company Name             | Meeting Date | CUSIP     | Ticker |
| UIL Holdings Corporation | 5/11/2010    | 902748102 | UIL    |

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| For | For | 1. DIRECTOR | Issuer |
| For |     | Director 1  |        |
| For |     | Director 2  |        |
| For |     | Director 3  |        |
| For |     | Director 4  |        |
| For |     | Director 5  |        |
| For |     | Director 6  |        |
| For |     | Director 7  |        |
| For |     | Director 8  |        |
| For |     | Director 9  |        |
| For |     | Director 10 |        |

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| For | 2. RATIFICATION OF<br>THE SELECTION OF<br>PRICEWATERHOUSE<br>COOPER LLP AS UIL<br>HOLDINGS<br>CORPORATION'S<br>INDEPENDENT<br>REGISTERED PUBLIC<br>ACCOUNTING FIRM<br>FOR 2010. |
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| Company Name     | Meeting Date | CUSIP     | Ticker |
| Linn Energy, LLC | 4/27/2010    | 536020100 | LINE   |

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|      |     |  | Proposed by Issuer<br>or<br>Security Holder |
| Vote | MRV | Proposal   | Issuer                                      |
| For  | For | 1. DIRECTOR  |   |
| For  |     | Director 1   |   |
| For  |     | Director 2   |   |
| For  |     | Director 3   |   |
| For  |     | Director 4   |   |
| For  |     | Director 5   |   |
| For  |     | Director 6   |   |
| For  |     | 2. RATIFICATION OF<br>APPOINTMENT OF<br>KPMG LLP AS<br>INDEPENDENT |   |

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AUDITORS FOR THE  
FISCAL YEAR  
ENDING DECEMBER  
31, 2010.

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| Company Name     | Meeting Date | CUSIP     | Ticker |
| Linn Energy, LLC | 4/27/2010    | 536020100 | LINE   |

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|      |     |   | Proposed by Issuer<br>or<br>Security Holder |
| Vote | MRV | Proposal  | Issuer                                      |
| For  | For | 1. DIRECTOR   |   |
| For  |     | Director 1  |   |
| For  |     | Director 2  |   |
| For  |     | Director 3  |   |
| For  |     | Director 4  |   |
| For  |     | Director 5  |   |
| For  |     | Director 6  |   |
| For  |     | 2. RATIFICATION OF<br>APPOINTMENT OF<br>KPMG LLP AS<br>INDEPENDENT<br>AUDITORS FOR THE<br>FISCAL YEAR<br>ENDING DECEMBER<br>31, 2010. |   |

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| Company Name                            | Meeting Date | CUSIP     | Ticker |
| The Empire District<br>Electric Company | 4/29/2010    | 291641108 | EDE    |

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|      |     |             | Proposed by Issuer<br>or<br>Security Holder |
| Vote | MRV | Proposal    | Issuer                                      |
| For  | For | 1. DIRECTOR |   |
| For  |     | Director 1  |   |
| For  |     | Director 2  |   |
| For  |     | Director 3  |   |

For

2. RATIFICATION OF  
THE SELECTION OF  
PRICEWATERHOUSE  
COOPER LLP AS UIL  
HOLDINGS  
CORPORATION'S  
INDEPENDENT  
REGISTERED PUBLIC  
ACCOUNTING FIRM  
FOR 2010.

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SIGNATURES

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) The Cushing MLP Total Return Fund

By (Signature and Title) /s/ Jerry V. Swank  
Jerry V. Swank  
Chief Executive Officer and President

Date August 27, 2010

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