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**ALERIAN MLP ETF (NYSE: AMLP) DECLARES FIRST QUARTER DISTRIBUTION OF 0.242967 AND ANNOUNCES QUARTERLY DISTRIBUTION SCHEDULE FOR 2012**

Denver, Colorado – February 7, 2012 – The Alerian MLP ETF (Master Limited Partnership Exchange-Traded Fund) declared its first quarter 2012 distribution of \$0.242967 on Monday, February 6th as well as announced its 2012 Distribution Schedule. The first quarter dividend is payable on February 14, 2012 to shareholders of record on February 9, 2012.

**Q1 2012 AMLP Distribution Dates:**

- Ex-Date: Tuesday, February 7th
- Record Date: Thursday, February 9th
- Payable Date: Tuesday, February 14th

**Q2 2012 AMLP Distribution Dates:**

- Ex-Date: Monday, May 7th
- Record Date: Wednesday, May 9th
- Payable Date: Monday, May 14th

**Q3 2012 AMLP Distribution Dates:**

- Ex-Date: Tuesday, August 7th
- Record Date: Thursday, August 9th
- Payable Date: Tuesday, August 14th

**Q4 2012 AMLP Distribution Dates:**

- Ex-Date: Wednesday, November 7th
- Record Date: Friday, November 9th
- Payable Date: Wednesday, November 14th

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**There are risks involved with investing in ETFs including the loss of money. Additional information regarding the risks of this investment is available in the disclosure.**

The Fund is taxed as a regular corporation for federal income tax purposes. This differs from most investment companies, which are treated as "regulated investment companies" under the Code and do not pay entity level income taxes.

The Fund invests primarily in energy infrastructure companies which may be adversely affected by changes in worldwide energy prices, exploration, production spending, government regulation, changes in exchange rates and depletion of natural resources.

Additionally, the ETF provides tax accounts such as IRA and 401(k) plans with a new option for participating in the energy infrastructure Master Limited Partnership ("MLP") asset class without Unrelated Business Taxable Income concerns. Investors will not receive K-1s as they would if investing directly in MLPs.

All K-1s are received and processed by the Alerian MLP ETF. The Alerian MLP ETF distributes a single Form 1099 to its shareholders.

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The Fund's concentration in securities of MLPs involves risks that differ from investments in common stock, including risks related to: (1) limited control and rights to vote on matters affecting the MLP; (2) potential conflicts of interest between the MLP and its general partner; (3) cash flow; (4) dilution; and (5) the general partner's limited call right. Actual results, performance or events may also be affected by, without limitation, (1) general economic conditions, (2) performance of financial markets, (3) interest rate levels, (4) changes in laws and regulations and (5) changes in the policies of governments and/or regulatory authorities. An investor's shares, when sold, may be worth more or less than their original cost. MLPs may have additional expenses, as some MLPs pay incentive distribution fees to their general partners. Infrastructure companies are subject to risks specific to the industry they serve including, but not limited to commodity price fluctuations; reduced volumes of energy commodities available for transporting, processing, storing or distributing; changes in the economy or regulatory environment; and extreme weather. The Fund invests primarily in energy infrastructure companies which may be adversely affected by changes in worldwide energy prices, exploration, production spending, government regulation, changes in exchange rates and depletion of natural resources.

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