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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * <u>Athene Holding Ltd</u> <hr/> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>96 PITTS BAY ROAD</u> <hr/> (Street) <u>PEMBROKE D0 HM08</u> <hr/> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) <u>10/15/2013</u>	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>CLEARBRIDGE AMERICAN ENERGY MLP FUND INC. [CBA]</u>	
		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) <input type="checkbox"/>	5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Senior Secured Notes	\$50,400,000	I	See footnote ⁽¹⁾

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Athene Holding Ltd

(Last) (First) (Middle)

96 PITTS BAY ROAD

(Street)

PEMBROKE D0 HM08

(City) (State) (Zip)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

ATHENE ANNUITY & LIFE ASSURANCE Co

(Last) (First) (Middle)

841 APOLLO STREET SUITE 150

(Street)

EL SEGUNDO CA 90245

(City) (State) (Zip)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Aviva Life & Annuity Co

(Last) (First) (Middle)

841 APOLLO STREET SUITE 150

(Street)

EL SEGUNDO CA 90245

(City) (State) (Zip)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

[Athene USA Corp](#)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

841 APOLLO STREET
SUITE 150

(Street)

EL SEGUNDO CA 90245

(City) (State) (Zip)

Explanation of Responses:

1. See Exhibit 99.1.

[See signatures attached as Exhibit 99.2](#) [10/25/2013](#)

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5 (b)(v).

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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(1) The amount reported includes an aggregate of \$50,400,000 principal amount of senior secured notes (the “Notes”) of ClearBridge American Energy MLP Fund Inc., a closed-end management investment company registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, of which \$12,000,000 principal amount of the Notes is held of record by Athene Annuity & Life Assurance Company (“Athene Annuity”) and \$38,400,000 principal amount of the Notes is held of record by Aviva Life and Annuity Company (“ALAC”).

Athene Holding Ltd. (“Athene Holding”) is the sole shareholder of Athene USA Corporation (“AUSA”). AUSA is the sole shareholder of Athene Annuity. Athene Annuity is the sole shareholder of ALAC.

Athene Annuity disclaims beneficial ownership of the notes held of record by ALAC, ALAC disclaims beneficial ownership of the notes held of record by Athene Annuity, and each of Athene Holding and AUSA disclaims beneficial ownership of the notes of held of record by Athene Annuity or ALAC, in each case except to the extent of any pecuniary interest therein, and this report shall not be deemed an admission that any such person or entity is the beneficial owner of, or has any pecuniary interest in, such securities for purposes of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or for any other purpose.

The address of Athene Annuity is 400 Brookfield Parkway, Greenville, South Carolina 29607. The address of AUSA and ALAC is 7700 Mills Civic Parkway, West Des Moines, IA 50266.

This Statement on Form 3 is filed by Athene Annuity & Life Assurance Company, Aviva Life and Annuity Company, Athene USA Corporation and Athene Holding Ltd.

Name of Designated Filer: Athene Holding Ltd.

Date of Event Requiring Statement: October 15, 2013

Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol: ClearBridge American Energy MLP Fund Inc./CBA

ATHENE ANNUITY & LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY

By: /s/ John Golden

Name: John Golden

Title: Corporate Secretary

AVIVA LIFE & ANNUITY COMPANY

By: /s/ John Golden

Name: John Golden

Title: Counsel and Assistant Secretary

ATHENE USA CORPORATION

By: /s/ John Golden

Name: John Golden

Title: Counsel and Assistant Secretary

ATHENE HOLDING LTD.

By: /s/ Tab Shanafelt

Name: Tab Shanafelt

Title: Chief Legal Officer and Secretary
