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Form N-Q

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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 811-21549

First Trust Energy Income and Growth Fund

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

120 East Liberty Drive, Suite 400
Wheaton, IL 60187

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

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(Name and address of agent for service)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 630-765-8000

Date of fiscal year end: November 30

Date of reporting period: August 31, 2012

Form N-Q is to be used by management investment companies, other than small business investment companies registered on Form N-5 (ss.ss. 239.24 and 274.5 of this chapter), to file reports with the Commission, not later than 60 days after the close of the first and third fiscal quarters, pursuant to rule 30b1-5 under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (17 CFR 270.30b1-5). The Commission may use the information provided on Form N-Q in its regulatory, disclosure review, inspection, and policymaking roles.

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ITEM 1. SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS. The Schedule(s) of Investments is attached herewith.

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 PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS
 AUGUST 31, 2012 (UNAUDITED)

SHARES/ UNITS	DESCRIPTION	VA

MASTER LIMITED PARTNERSHIPS - 107.9%		
GAS UTILITIES - 3.1%		
330,981	AmeriGas Partners, L.P. (a).....	\$ 14
21,411	Suburban Propane Partners, L.P.	-----
		15

INDEPENDENT POWER PRODUCERS & ENERGY TRADERS - 1.2%		
187,100	Brookfield Renewable Energy Partners, L.P. (CAD)	5

OIL, GAS & CONSUMABLE FUELS - 103.6%		
248,401	Alliance GP Holdings, L.P. (a).....	12
360,272	Alliance Resource Partners, L.P. (a).....	22
326,462	Buckeye Partners, L.P. (a).....	16
659,750	El Paso Pipeline Partners, L.P. (a).....	23
927,621	Enbridge Energy Partners, L.P. (a).....	27
459,879	Energy Transfer Equity, L.P. (a).....	20
205,844	Energy Transfer Partners, L.P. (a).....	8
906,653	Enterprise Products Partners, L.P. (a).....	48
302,224	Holly Energy Partners, L.P. (a).....	20
14,674	Inergy, L.P. (a).....	-----
225,771	Kinder Morgan Energy Partners, L.P. (a).....	18
655,327	Magellan Midstream Partners, L.P. (a).....	54
118,200	Natural Resource Partners, L.P. (a).....	2
610,646	NuStar Energy, L.P. (a).....	30
491,405	NuStar GP Holdings, LLC (a).....	14
123,300	Oiltanking Partners, L.P. (a).....	4
330,240	ONEOK Partners, L.P. (a).....	18
494,191	Plains All American Pipeline, L.P. (a).....	42
219,465	PVR Partners, L.P. (a).....	5
512,370	Spectra Energy Partners, L.P. (a).....	16
654,211	Sunoco Logistics Partners, L.P. (a).....	30
327,927	TC Pipelines, L.P. (a).....	14
522,109	Teekay LNG Partners, L.P. (a).....	20
350,826	TransMontaigne Partners, L.P. (a).....	12
400	Western Gas Partners, L.P. (a).....	-----
274,055	Williams Partners, L.P. (a).....	14

		502

	TOTAL MASTER LIMITED PARTNERSHIPS	522

	(Cost \$294,393,018)	
COMMON STOCKS - 44.2%		
ELECTRIC UTILITIES - 2.8%		
9,400	Emera, Inc.	-----
42,700	Emera, Inc. (CAD)	1
162,000	ITC Holdings Corp. (a).....	11

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	GAS UTILITIES - 5.2%		13
308,500	Questar Corp.		6

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SHARES/ UNITS	DESCRIPTION	VA
COMMON STOCKS - (CONTINUED)		
GAS UTILITIES - (CONTINUED)		
628,730	UGI Corp.	\$ 19
		25
MULTI-UTILITIES - 11.2%		
252,500	Centerpoint Energy, Inc.	5
297,700	Dominion Resources, Inc.	15
231,000	National Grid PLC, ADR	12
732,000	NiSource, Inc. (a).....	17
50,000	Sempra Energy	3
		54
OIL, GAS & CONSUMABLE FUELS - 25.0%		
256,596	Enbridge Energy Management, LLC (a) (b).....	7
97,700	Enbridge Income Fund Holdings, Inc. (CAD)	2
86,430	Enbridge, Inc.	3
227,480	Keyera Corp. (CAD)	10
466,434	Kinder Morgan Management, LLC (a) (b).....	34
309,100	Kinder Morgan, Inc. (a).....	11
299,000	Pembina Pipeline Corp. (CAD)	8
339,050	Spectra Energy Corp.	9
330,991	TransCanada Corp.	14
587,558	Williams Cos., Inc.	18
		121
	TOTAL COMMON STOCKS	214
	(Cost \$178,061,110)	
	TOTAL INVESTMENTS - 152.1%	737
	(Cost \$472,454,128) (c)	

NUMBER OF CONTRACTS	DESCRIPTION	VA
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CALL OPTIONS WRITTEN - (0.2%)

	Centerpoint Energy, Inc. Call		
1,000	@ 22.5	due November 12	-----
	Dominion Resources, Inc. Calls		
1,861	@ 55	due October 12	-----
500	@ 55	due January 13	-----
	Enbridge, Inc. Calls		
100	@ 40	due September 12	-----
700	@ 45	due October 12	-----
	Kinder Morgan, Inc. Calls		
181	@ 35	due September 12	-----
300	@ 37.5	due September 12	-----
400	@ 35	due December 12	-----
900	@ 37.5	due January 13	-----

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NUMBER OF CONTRACTS	DESCRIPTION	VA

CALL OPTIONS WRITTEN - (CONTINUED)		
	Kinder Morgan, Inc. Calls (Continued)	
800	@ 40 due January 13	\$
	National Grid PLC Call	
1,000	@ 55 due September 12	-----
	NiSource, Inc. Call	
1,200	@ 25 due October 12	-----
	Questar Corp. Calls	
1,550	@ 21 due October 12	-----
400	@ 21 due January 13	-----
500	@ 22 due January 13	-----
	Spectra Energy Corp. Calls	
1,200	@ 30 due September 12	-----
500	@ 31 due September 12	-----
500	@ 33 due September 12	-----

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500	@ 34 due September 12	
600	@ 31 due December 12	

TransCanada Corp. Calls		
2,500	@ 45 due November 12	
800	@ 50 due February 13	

UGI Corp. Call		
1,600	@ 30 due October 12	

Williams Cos., Inc. Calls		
1,300	@ 33 due September 12	
1,700	@ 34 due November 12	

	TOTAL CALL OPTIONS WRITTEN	(1
	(Premiums received \$1,151,111)	-----
	OUTSTANDING LOAN - (33.0%)	(159
	NET OTHER ASSETS AND LIABILITIES - (18.9%)	(91
	NET ASSETS - 100.0%	\$ 484
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- (a) All or a portion of this security is available to serve as collateral on the outstanding loan.
 - (b) Non-income producing security which pays in-kind distributions.
 - (c) Aggregate cost for federal income tax purposes is \$442,531,221. As of August 31, 2012, the aggregate gross unrealized appreciation for all securities in which there was an excess of value over tax cost was \$295,522,655 and the aggregate gross unrealized depreciation for all securities in which there was an excess of tax cost over value was \$896,099.

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ADR American Depositary Receipt

CAD Canadian Dollar - Security is denominated in Canadian Dollars and is translated into U.S. Dollars based upon the current exchange rate.

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VALUATION INPUTS

A summary of the inputs used to value the Fund's investments as of August 31, 2012 is as follows (see Note 1A - Portfolio Valuation in the Notes to Quarterly Portfolio of Investments):

ASSETS TABLE

	TOTAL VALUE AT 8/31/2012	LEVEL 1 QUOTED PRICES	LEVEL 2 SIGNIFICANT OBSERVABLE INPUTS	SI UNO
Master Limited Partnerships*.....	\$ 522,745,570	\$ 522,745,570	\$ --	\$
Common Stocks*.....	214,412,207	214,412,207	--	
TOTAL INVESTMENTS.....	\$ 737,157,777	\$ 737,157,777	\$ --	\$

LIABILITIES TABLE

	TOTAL VALUE AT 8/31/2012	LEVEL 1 QUOTED PRICES	LEVEL 2 SIGNIFICANT OBSERVABLE INPUTS	SI UNO
Call Options Written.....	\$ (1,191,750)	\$ (1,191,750)	\$ --	\$

*See Portfolio of Investments for industry breakout.

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NOTES TO QUARTERLY PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS

FIRST TRUST ENERGY INCOME AND GROWTH FUND
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1. VALUATION AND INVESTMENT PRACTICES

A. PORTFOLIO VALUATION:

The net asset value ("NAV") of the Common Shares of First Trust Energy Income and Growth Fund (the "Fund") is determined daily as of the close of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE"), normally 4:00 p.m. Eastern time, on each day the NYSE is open for trading. If the NYSE closes early on a valuation day, the NAV is determined as of that time. Domestic debt securities and foreign securities are priced using data reflecting the earlier closing of the principal markets for those securities. The NAV per Common Share is calculated by dividing the value of all assets of the Fund (including accrued interest and dividends), less all liabilities (including accrued expenses, dividends declared but unpaid, deferred income taxes and any borrowings of the

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Fund) by the total number of Common Shares outstanding.

The Fund's investments are valued daily in accordance with valuation procedures adopted by the Fund's Board of Trustees, and in accordance with provisions of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act"). The following securities, for which accurate and reliable market quotations are readily available, will be valued as follows:

Common stocks, master limited partnerships ("MLPs") and other securities listed on any national or foreign exchange (excluding the NASDAQ National Market ("NASDAQ") and the London Stock Exchange Alternative Investment Market ("AIM")) are valued at the last sale price on the exchange on which they are principally traded. If there are no transactions on the valuation day, the securities are valued at the mean between the most recent bid and asked prices.

Securities listed on the NASDAQ or the AIM are valued at the official closing price. If there is no official closing price on the valuation day, the securities are valued at the mean between the most recent bid and asked prices.

Securities traded in the over-the-counter market are valued at their closing bid prices.

Exchange-traded options and futures contracts are valued at the closing price in the market where such contracts are principally traded. If no closing price is available, exchange-traded options and futures contracts are valued at the mean between the most recent bid and asked prices. Over-the-counter options and futures contracts are valued at their closing bid prices.

Short-term investments that mature in less than 60 days when purchased are valued at amortized cost.

All market quotations used in valuing the Fund's securities will be obtained from a third party pricing service. If no quotation is received from a pricing service, attempts will be made to obtain one or more broker quotes for the security. In the event the pricing service does not provide a valuation, broker quotations are not readily available, or the valuations received are deemed unreliable, the Fund's Board of Trustees has designated First Trust Advisors L.P. ("First Trust") to use a fair value method to value the Fund's securities. Additionally, if events occur after the close of the principal markets for certain securities (e.g., domestic debt and foreign securities) that could materially affect the Fund's NAV, First Trust will use a fair value method to value the Fund's securities. The use of fair value pricing is governed by valuation procedures adopted by the Fund's Board of Trustees, and in accordance with the provisions of the 1940 Act. As a general principle, the fair value of a security is the amount which the Fund might reasonably expect to receive for the security upon its current sale. However, in light of the judgment involved in fair valuations, there can be no assurance that a fair value assigned to a particular security will be the amount which the Fund might be able to receive upon its current sale. Fair valuation of a security will be based on the consideration of all available information, including, but not limited to the following:

- 1) the type of security;
- 2) the size of the holding;
- 3) the initial cost of the security;
- 4) transactions in comparable securities;

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- 5) price quotes from dealers and/or pricing services;
- 6) relationships among various securities;
- 7) information obtained by contacting the issuer, analysts, or the appropriate stock exchange;
- 8) an analysis of the issuer's financial statements; and
- 9) the existence of merger proposals or tender offers that might affect the value of the security.

If the securities in question are foreign securities, the following additional information may be considered:

- 1) the value of similar foreign securities traded on other foreign markets;
- 2) ADR trading of similar securities;
- 3) closed-end fund trading of similar securities;
- 4) foreign currency exchange activity;
- 5) the trading prices of financial products that are tied to baskets of foreign securities;
- 6) factors relating to the event that precipitated the pricing problem;

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- 7) whether the event is likely to recur; and
- 8) whether the effects of the event are isolated or whether they affect entire markets, countries or regions.

The Fund is subject to fair value accounting standards that define fair value, establish the framework for measuring fair value and provide a three-level hierarchy for fair valuation based upon the inputs to the valuation as of the measurement date. The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are as follows:

- o Level 1 - Level 1 inputs are quoted prices in active markets for identical investments. An active market is a market in which transactions for the investment occur with sufficient frequency and volume to provide pricing information on an ongoing basis.
- o Level 2 - Level 2 inputs are observable inputs, either directly or indirectly, and include the following:
 - o Quoted prices for similar investments in active markets.
 - o Quoted prices for identical or similar investments in markets that are non-active. A non-active market is a market where

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there are few transactions for the investment, the prices are not current, or price quotations vary substantially either over time or among market makers, or in which little information is released publicly.

- o Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the investment (for example, interest rates and yield curves observable at commonly quoted intervals, volatilities, prepayment speeds, loss severities, credit risks, and default rates).
- o Inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means.
- o Level 3 - Level 3 inputs are unobservable inputs. Unobservable inputs may reflect the reporting entity's own assumptions about the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the investments.

The inputs or methodology used for valuing investments are not necessarily an indication of the risk associated with investing in those investments. A summary of the inputs used to value the Fund's investments as of August 31, 2012, is included with the Fund's Portfolio of Investments.

B. OPTION CONTRACTS:

The Fund is subject to equity price risk in the normal course of pursuing its investment objective and may enter into options written to hedge against changes in the value of equities. Also, by writing (selling) options, the Fund seeks to generate additional income, in the form of premiums received for writing (selling) the options. The Fund may write (sell) covered call or put options ("options") on all or a portion of the common stock of energy companies held in the Fund's portfolio as determined to be appropriate by Energy Income Partners, LLC ("EIP" or the "Sub-Advisor"). The number of options the Fund can write (sell) is limited by the amount of common stock of energy companies the Fund holds in its portfolio. The Fund will not write (sell) "naked" or uncovered options. Options are marked-to-market daily and their value will be affected by changes in the value and dividend rates of the underlying equity securities, changes in interest rates, changes in the actual or perceived volatility of the securities markets and the underlying equity securities and the remaining time to the options' expiration. The value of options may also be adversely affected if the market for the options becomes less liquid or trading volume diminishes.

Options the Fund writes (sells) will either be exercised, expire or be cancelled pursuant to a closing transaction. If the price of the underlying equity security exceeds the option's exercise price, it is likely that the option holder will exercise the option. If an option written (sold) by the Fund is exercised, the Fund would be obligated to deliver the underlying equity security to the option holder upon payment of the strike price. In this case, the option premium received by the Fund will be added to the amount realized on the sale of the underlying security for purposes of determining gain or loss. If the price of the underlying equity security is less than the option's strike price, the option will likely expire without being exercised. The option premium received by the Fund will, in this case, be treated as short-term capital gain on the expiration date of the option. The Fund may also elect to close out its position in an option prior to its expiration by purchasing an option of the same series as the option written (sold) by the Fund.

The options that the Fund writes (sells) give the option holder the right, but not the obligation, to purchase a security from the Fund at the strike price on or prior to the option's expiration date. The ability to successfully implement the writing (selling) of covered call options depends on the ability of the

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Sub-Advisor to predict pertinent market movements, which cannot be assured. Thus, the use of options may require the Fund to sell portfolio securities at inopportune times or for prices other than current market value, which may limit the amount of appreciation the Fund can realize on an investment, or may cause the Fund to hold a security that it might otherwise sell. As the writer (seller) of a covered option, the Fund foregoes, during the option's life, the opportunity to profit from increases in the market value of the security covering the option above the sum of the premium and the strike price of the option, but has retained the risk of loss should the price of the underlying security decline. The writer (seller) of an option has no control over the time when it may be required to fulfill its obligation as a writer (seller) of the option. Once an option writer (seller) has received an exercise notice, it cannot effect a closing purchase transaction in order to terminate its obligation under the option and must deliver the underlying security to the option holder at the exercise price.

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Over-the-counter options have the risk of the potential inability of counterparties to meet the terms of their contracts. The Fund's maximum equity price risk for purchased options is limited to the premium initially paid. In addition, certain risks may arise upon entering into option contracts including the risk that an illiquid secondary market will limit the Fund's ability to close out an option contract prior to the expiration date and that a change in the value of the option contract may not correlate exactly with changes in the value of the securities hedged.

C. SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS:

Securities transactions are recorded as of the trade date. Realized gains and losses from securities transactions are recorded on the identified cost basis.

Distributions received from the Fund's investments in MLPs generally are comprised of return of capital and investment income. The Fund records estimated return of capital and investment income based on historical information available from each MLP. These estimates may subsequently be revised based on information received from the MLPs after their tax reporting periods are concluded.

D. FOREIGN CURRENCY:

The books and records of the Fund are maintained in U.S. dollars. Foreign currencies, investments and other assets and liabilities are translated into U.S. dollars at the exchange rates prevailing at the end of the period. Purchases and sales of investments and items of income and expense are translated on the respective dates of such transactions.

E. RESTRICTED SECURITIES:

The Fund may invest up to 35% of its Managed Assets in restricted securities. Managed Assets means the total asset value of the Fund minus the sum of the Fund's liabilities other than the principal amount of borrowings. Restricted securities are securities that may not be offered for public sale without first being registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "1933 Act").

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Prior to registration, restricted securities may only be resold in transactions exempt from registration under Rule 144A under the 1933 Act, normally to qualified institutional buyers. As of August 31, 2012, the Fund held no restricted securities.

2. OPTION ACTIVITY

Written option activity for the Fund for the period ended August 31, 2012 was as follows:

WRITTEN OPTIONS	NUMBER OF CONTRACTS	PREMIUMS
Options outstanding at November 30, 2011...	7,514	\$ 664,465
Options Written.....	63,281	2,546,671
Options Expired.....	(30,929)	(1,125,251)
Options Exercised.....	(15,074)	(795,197)
Options Closed.....	(2,200)	(139,577)
Options outstanding at August 31, 2012.....	22,592	\$ 1,151,111
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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 the report that includes the disclosure required by this paragraph, based on their evaluation of these controls and procedures required by Rule 30a-3(b) under the 1940 Act (17 CFR 270.30a-3(b)) and Rules 13a-15(b) or 15d-15(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (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.

Certifications pursuant to Rule 30a-2(a) under the 1940 Act and Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 are attached hereto.

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.

(Registrant) First Trust Energy Income and Growth Fund

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By (Signature and Title)* /s/ Mark R. Bradley

Mark R. Bradley
President and Chief Executive Officer
(principal executive officer)

Date October 23, 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/ Mark R. Bradley

Mark R. Bradley
President and Chief Executive Officer
(principal executive officer)

Date October 23, 2012

By (Signature and Title)* /s/ James M. Dykas

James M. Dykas
Chief Financial Officer and Chief Accounting Officer
(principal financial officer)

Date October 23, 2012

*Print the name and title of each signing officer under his or her signature.