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Form N-Q

November 30, 2009

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 811-21586

FIRST TRUST ENHANCED EQUITY INCOME FUND

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(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

120 East Liberty Drive, Suite 400

WHEATON, IL 60187

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(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  
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Date of fiscal year end: DECEMBER 31

Date of reporting period: SEPTEMBER 30, 2009

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ITEM 1. SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS.

The Schedule(s) of Investments is attached herewith.

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 PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS (a)  
 SEPTEMBER 30, 2009 (UNAUDITED)

SHARES	DESCRIPTION	VALUE
COMMON STOCKS - 90.1%		
AEROSPACE & DEFENSE - 3.0%		
100,000	Honeywell International, Inc. ....	\$ 3,715,000
54,000	United Technologies Corp. (b) .....	3,290,220
		7,005,220
BEVERAGES - 4.2%		
80,000	Coca-Cola (The) Co. ....	4,296,000
60,000	Diageo PLC, ADR (e) .....	3,689,400
30,000	PepsiCo, Inc. ....	1,759,800
		9,745,200
CAPITAL MARKETS - 1.9%		
56,300	Ameriprise Financial, Inc. (b) .....	2,045,379
80,000	Bank of New York Mellon (The), Corp. (e) .....	2,319,200
		4,364,579
CHEMICALS - 1.7%		
70,000	PPG Industries, Inc. (e) .....	4,074,700
COMMERCIAL BANKS - 1.0%		
198,185	National Penn Bancshares, Inc. ....	1,210,910
37,500	Wells Fargo & Co. (b) .....	1,056,750
		2,267,660
COMMERCIAL SERVICES & SUPPLIES - 1.0%		
80,000	Waste Management, Inc. (e) .....	2,385,600
COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT - 3.5%		
295,200	Cisco Systems, Inc. (c) .....	6,949,008
30,000	QUALCOMM, Inc. (e) .....	1,349,400
		8,298,408
COMPUTERS & PERIPHERALS - 4.0%		
70,000	Hewlett-Packard Co. ....	3,304,700
50,000	International Business Machines Corp. (e) .....	5,980,500
		9,285,200
DIVERSIFIED FINANCIAL SERVICES - 2.7%		
147,000	JPMorgan Chase & Co. (e) .....	6,441,540
DIVERSIFIED TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES - 3.9%		
200,000	Alaska Communications Systems Group, Inc. ....	1,850,000
92,100	AT&T, Inc. (e) .....	2,487,621

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155,000	Verizon Communications, Inc. (e) .....	4,691,850
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		9,029,471
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	ELECTRIC UTILITIES - 0.7%	
35,000	Exelon Corp. ....	1,736,700
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	ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT - 3.1%	
180,000	Emerson Electric Co. (e) .....	7,214,400
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	FOOD & STAPLES RETAILING - 0.7%	
45,000	CVS Caremark Corp. ....	1,608,300
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SHARES	DESCRIPTION	VALUE
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COMMON STOCKS - (CONTINUED)		
	FOOD PRODUCTS - 1.0%	
85,000	Kraft Foods, Inc., Class A .....	\$ 2,232,950
		-----
	HEALTHCARE EQUIPMENT & SUPPLIES - 1.4%	
90,000	Medtronic, Inc. ....	3,312,000
		-----
	HOTELS, RESTAURANTS & LEISURE - 2.7%	
90,000	Carnival Corp. (b) .....	2,995,200
100,000	Darden Restaurants, Inc. (e) .....	3,413,000
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		6,408,200
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	INDUSTRIAL CONGLOMERATES - 1.0%	
30,000	3M Co. (e) .....	2,214,000
		-----
	INSURANCE - 5.5%	
60,000	ACE Ltd. ....	3,207,600
50,000	Lincoln National Corp. ....	1,295,500
130,000	MetLife, Inc. (b) .....	4,949,100
70,000	Prudential Financial, Inc. (e) .....	3,493,700
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		12,945,900
		-----
	IT SERVICES - 1.2%	
100,000	Paychex, Inc. (b) .....	2,905,000
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	MACHINERY - 2.0%	
90,000	Caterpillar, Inc. (e) .....	4,619,700
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	MARINE - 0.4%	

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110,000	Seaspan Corp. ....	984,500
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	MEDIA - 1.2%	
145,000	Regal Entertainment Group, Class A (e) .....	1,786,400
40,000	Walt Disney (The) Co. (e) .....	1,098,400
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		2,884,800
		-----
	METALS & MINING - 1.1%	
40,000	BHP Billiton Ltd., ADR (b) .....	2,640,400
		-----
	MULTILINE RETAIL - 4.3%	
119,000	J.C. Penney Co., Inc. (e) .....	4,016,250
131,000	Target Corp. (e) .....	6,115,080
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		10,131,330
		-----
	OIL, GAS & CONSUMABLE FUELS - 9.3%	
60,000	Chevron Corp. (e) .....	4,225,800
120,000	Exxon Mobil Corp. ....	8,233,200
105,200	Occidental Petroleum Corp. (e) .....	8,247,680
60,000	Williams (The) Cos., Inc.(b) .....	1,072,200
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		21,778,880
		-----
	PHARMACEUTICALS - 8.5%	
95,000	Abbott Laboratories .....	4,699,650
400,000	Bristol-Myers Squibb Co. (e) .....	9,008,000
70,000	Merck & Co., Inc. ....	2,214,100
250,000	Pfizer, Inc. ....	4,137,500
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		20,059,250
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SHARES	DESCRIPTION	VALUE
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	COMMON STOCKS - (CONTINUED)	
	REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUSTS (REITS) - 5.1%	
200,400	Annaly Capital Management, Inc. (b) .....	\$ 3,635,256
100,000	Capstead Mortgage Corp. ....	1,391,000
865,000	MFA Mortgage Investments, Inc. ....	6,885,400
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		11,911,656
		-----
	ROAD & RAIL - 1.7%	
70,000	Union Pacific Corp. (e) .....	4,084,500
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	SEMICONDUCTORS & SEMICONDUCTOR EQUIPMENT - 6.1%	
457,300	Intel Corp. (e) .....	8,949,361
200,000	Microchip Technology, Inc. ....	5,300,000
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		14,249,361
		-----
	SOFTWARE - 1.2%	
110,000	Microsoft Corp. (e) .....	2,847,900
		-----
	SPECIALTY RETAIL - 2.9%	
400,000	Limited Brands, Inc. (b) .....	6,796,000
		-----
	TOBACCO - 1.5%	
120,000	Altria Group, Inc. ....	2,137,200
30,000	Philip Morris International, Inc. ....	1,462,200
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		3,599,400
		-----
	WATER UTILITIES - 0.6%	
74,200	American Water Works Co., Inc. ....	1,479,548
		-----
	TOTAL COMMON STOCKS	
	(Cost \$232,317,491) .....	211,542,253
		-----
	MASTER LIMITED PARTNERSHIPS - 4.6%	
	OIL, GAS & CONSUMABLE FUELS - 4.6%	
200,000	Copano Energy, LLC .....	3,640,000
90,000	Energy Transfer Partners, L.P. ....	3,829,500
40,000	Enterprise Products Partners, L.P. ....	1,132,800
60,000	Magellan Midstream Partners, L.P. ....	2,256,000
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	TOTAL MASTER LIMITED PARTNERSHIPS	
	(Cost \$10,255,083) .....	10,858,300
		-----
	EXCHANGE-TRADED FUNDS - 3.9%	
	CAPITAL MARKET - 2.6%	
264,500	SPDR KBW Bank ETF (b) .....	6,170,785
		-----
	LARGE CAP GROWTH - 1.3%	
28,000	SPDR Trust Series 1 .....	2,955,680
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	TOTAL EXCHANGE-TRADED FUNDS	
	(Cost \$6,923,028) .....	9,126,465
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	TOTAL INVESTMENTS - 98.6%	
	(Cost \$249,495,602) (d) .....	231,527,018
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NUMBER OF CONTRACTS	DESCRIPTION	VALUE
CALL OPTIONS WRITTEN - (0.7%)		
	3M Co. Call	
150	@ 75 due Oct 09 .....	\$ (14,250)
	Ameriprise Financial, Inc. Call	
563	@ 35 due Oct 09 .....	(121,045)
	Annaly Capital Management, Inc. Calls	
4	@ 18 due Oct 09 .....	(188)
1,843	@ 19 due Nov 09 .....	(64,505)
157	@ 19 due Oct 09 .....	(1,570)
		(66,263)
	AT&T, Inc. Call	
600	@ 27 due Oct 09 .....	(24,000)
	Bank of New York Mellon (The), Corp. Call	
400	@ 33 due Oct 09 .....	(2,000)
	BHP Billiton Ltd.,ADR Call	
400	@ 70 due Oct 09 .....	(26,000)
	Bristol-Myers Squibb Co. Call	
2,000	@ 23 due Oct 09 .....	(48,000)
	Carnival Corp. Calls	
450	@ 34 due Oct 09 .....	(24,300)
450	@ 35 due Oct 09 .....	(21,600)
		(45,900)
	Caterpillar, Inc. Call	
400	@ 55 due Oct 09 .....	(22,800)
	Chevron Corp. Call	
400	@ 75 due Oct 09 .....	(6,000)
	Darden Restaurants, Inc. Call	
500	@ 38 due Oct 09 .....	(2,500)
	Diageo PLC, ADR Call	
200	@ 65 due Oct 09 .....	(5,000)
	Emerson Electric Co. Call	
700	@ 43 due Oct 09 .....	(10,500)
	Intel Corp. Call	
750	@ 21 due Oct 09 .....	(13,500)
	International Business Machines Corp. Call	
250	@ 130 due Oct 09 .....	(6,250)

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NUMBER OF CONTRACTS	DESCRIPTION	VALUE
CALL OPTIONS WRITTEN - (CONTINUED)		
	J.C. Penney Co., Inc. Calls	
500	@ 33 due Oct 09 .....	\$ (80,000)
350	@ 35 due Oct 09 .....	(19,250)
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		(99,250)
		-----
	JPMorgan Chase & Co. Call	
700	@ 47 due Oct 09 .....	(37,100)
		-----
	Limited Brands, Inc. Call	
4,000	@ 17.5 due Oct 09 .....	(140,000)
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	Metlife, Inc. Calls	
300	@ 41 due Oct 09 .....	(15,000)
1,000	@ 44 due Oct 09 .....	(10,000)
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		(25,000)
		-----
	Microsoft Corp. Call	
750	@ 26 due Oct 09 .....	(30,000)
		-----
	Occidental Petroleum Corp. Call	
600	@ 80 due Oct 09 .....	(81,000)
		-----
	Paychex, Inc. Call	
1,000	@ 30 due Oct 09 .....	(30,000)
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	PPG Industries, Inc. Call	
400	@ 60 due Oct 09 .....	(42,000)
		-----
	Prudential Financial, Inc. Calls	
200	@ 50 due Oct 09 .....	(43,000)
250	@ 55 due Oct 09 .....	(13,750)
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		(56,750)
		-----
	QUALCOMM, Inc. Call	
150	@ 49 due Oct 09 .....	(1,200)
		-----
	Regal Entertainment Group, Class A Call	
300	@ 15 due Oct 09 .....	(3,000)
		-----
	SPDR KBW Bank ETF Call	
2,645	@ 24 due Oct 09 .....	(132,250)
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	S&P 500 Index Call	
400	@ 1070 due Oct 09(f) .....	(504,000)

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	Target Corp. Call	
650	@ 50 due Oct 09 .....	(13,000)
	Union Pacific Corp. Call	
200	@ 65 due Oct 09 .....	(3,000)

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NUMBER OF CONTRACTS	DESCRIPTION	VALUE
CALL OPTIONS WRITTEN - (CONTINUED)		
	United Technologies Corp. Call	
540	@ 65 due Oct 09 .....	\$ (10,800)
	Verizon Communications, Inc. Call	
500	@ 31 due Oct 09 .....	(7,500)
	Walt Disney (The) Co. Call	
200	@ 29 due Oct 09 .....	(3,000)
	Waste Management, Inc. Call	
300	@ 30 due Oct 09 .....	(13,500)
	Wells Fargo & Co. Call	
375	@ 29 due Oct 09 .....	(20,625)
	Williams (The) Cos., Inc. Call	
600	@ 20 due Oct 09 .....	(2,400)
	TOTAL CALL OPTIONS WRITTEN - (0.7%) (Premiums received \$2,867,481) .....	(1,669,383)
	NET OTHER ASSETS AND LIABILITIES - 2.1% .....	5,044,082
	NET ASSETS - 100.0% .....	\$234,901,717

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- (a) All percentages shown in the Portfolio of Investments are based on net assets.
  - (b) Call options were written on this entire Common Stock position and are fully covered by the Common Stock position.
  - (c) Non-income producing security.



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- (d) Aggregate cost for financial reporting purposes, which approximates the aggregate cost for federal income tax purposes. As of September 30, 2009, the aggregate gross unrealized appreciation for all securities in which there was an excess of value over tax cost was \$15,856,111 and the aggregate gross unrealized depreciation for all securities in which there was an excess of tax cost over value was \$33,824,695.
- (e) Call options were written on a portion of this Common Stock position and are fully covered by the Common Stock position.
- (f) Call options on securities indices were written on a portion of the Common Stock positions that were not covered by call options on individual equity securities held in the Fund's Portfolio.

ADR American Depositary Receipt

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VALUATION INPUTS

A summary of the inputs used to value the Fund's investments as of September 30, 2009 is as follows (see Note 1A -Portfolio Valuation in the Notes to Quarterly Portfolio of Investments):

ASSETS TABLE

	TOTAL MARKET VALUE AT 9/30/09	LEVEL 1 QUOTED PRICES	LEVEL 2 SIGNIFICANT OBSERVABLE INPUTS	LEVEL 3 SIGNIFICANT UNOBSERVABLE INPUTS
	-----	-----	-----	-----
Common Stocks* .....	\$211,542,253	\$211,542,253	\$--	\$--
Master Limited Partnerships* .....	10,858,300	10,858,300	--	--
Exchange-Traded Funds* .....	9,126,465	9,126,465	--	--
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Total Investments .....	\$231,527,018	\$231,527,018	\$--	\$--
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LIABILITIES TABLE

	TOTAL MARKET VALUE AT 9/30/09	LEVEL 1 QUOTED PRICES	LEVEL 2 SIGNIFICANT OBSERVABLE INPUTS	LEVEL 3 SIGNIFICANT UNOBSERVABLE INPUTS
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Call Options Written .....	\$(1,669,383)	\$(1,669,383)	\$--	\$--
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\* See the Portfolio of Investments for industry breakdown.

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### NOTES TO QUARTERLY PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS

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#### 1. VALUATION AND INVESTMENT PRACTICES

##### A. PORTFOLIO VALUATION:

The net asset value ("NAV") of the Common Shares of First Trust Enhanced Equity Income 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. 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, the value of call options written (sold) and dividends declared but unpaid), by the total number of Common Shares outstanding.

The Fund's investments are valued daily at market value or, in the absence of market value with respect to any portfolio securities, at fair value in accordance with valuation procedures adopted by the Fund's Board of Trustees. Portfolio securities listed on any exchange other than the NASDAQ National Market ("NASDAQ") and the London Stock Exchange Alternative Investment Market ("AIM") are valued at the last sale price on the business day as of which such value is being determined. Securities listed on the NASDAQ or the AIM are valued at the official closing price on the business day as of which such value is being determined. If there has been no sale on such day or no official closing price in the case of securities traded on the NASDAQ or the AIM, the securities are valued at the mean of the most recent bid and asked prices on such day. Portfolio securities traded on more than one securities exchange are valued at the last sale price or official closing price, as applicable, on the business day as of which such value is being determined at the close of the exchange representing the principal market for such securities. Portfolio securities traded in the over-the-counter market, but excluding securities trading on the NASDAQ and the AIM, are valued at the closing bid prices. Short-term investments that mature in less than 60 days when purchased are valued at amortized cost.

The Fund values exchange-traded options and other derivative contracts at the closing price on the exchange on which they are principally traded, or if not traded, or no closing price is available, at the mean between the last bid and asked price.

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:

- Level 1 - Level 1 inputs are quoted prices in active markets for identical securities. An active market is a market in which

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transactions for the security occur with sufficient frequency and volume to provide pricing information on an ongoing basis.

- Level 2 - Level 2 inputs are observable inputs, either directly or indirectly and include the following:
  - Quoted prices for similar securities in active markets.
  - Quoted prices for identical or similar securities in markets that are non-active. A non-active market is a market where there are few transactions for the security, 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.
  - Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the security (for example, interest rates and yield curves observable at commonly quoted intervals, volatilities, prepayment speeds, loss severities, credit risks, and default rates).
  - Inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means.
- Level 3 - Level 3 inputs are unobservable inputs. Unobservable inputs reflect the reporting entity's own assumptions about the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the security.

The inputs or methodology used for valuing securities are not necessarily an indication of the risk associated with investing in those securities. A summary of the inputs used to value the Fund's investments as of September 30, 2009, is included with the Fund's Portfolio of Investments.

### B. OPTION CONTRACTS:

COVERED OPTIONS. The Fund may write (sell) covered call options ("options") on all or a portion of the equity securities held in the Fund's portfolio and on securities indices as determined to be appropriate by Chartwell Investment Partners, L.P. ("Chartwell" or the "Sub-Advisor"), consistent with the Fund's investment objective. The number of options the

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Fund can write (sell) is limited by the amount of equity securities the Fund holds in its portfolio. Options on securities indices are designed to reflect price fluctuations in a group of securities or a segment of the securities market rather than price fluctuations in a single security and are similar to options on single securities, except that the exercise of securities index options requires cash settlement payments and does not involve the actual purchase or sale of securities. The Fund will not write (sell) "naked" or

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uncovered options. If certain equity securities held in the Fund's portfolio are not covered by a related call option on the individual equity security, securities index options may be written on all or a portion of such uncovered securities. By writing (selling) options, the Fund seeks to generate additional income, in the form of premiums received, for writing (selling) the options, and to provide a partial hedge against a market decline in the underlying equity security. 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 exercise price. In this case, the option premium received by the Fund will be added to the amount realized on the sale of the underlying equity security for purposes of determining gain or loss. If the price of the underlying equity security is less than the option's exercise 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 Fund's covered call investment strategy depends on the ability of Chartwell 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 forgoes, 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 exercise price of the option, but has retained the risk of loss should the price of the underlying security decline. 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.

The Fund is subject to equity price risk in the normal course of pursuing its investment objective. Over-the-Counter ("OTC") 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 Master Limited

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Partnerships ("MLPs") generally are comprised of return of capital from the MLP to the extent of the cost basis of such MLP investments.

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### 2. WRITTEN OPTION ACTIVITY

Written option activity for the nine months ended September 30, 2009 was as follows:

	NUMBER OF CONTRACTS	PREMIUMS
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WRITTEN OPTIONS		
Options outstanding at January 1, 2009 .....	58,717	\$ 8,449,321
Options written .....	579,383	69,153,452
Options expired .....	(166,413)	(12,325,924)
Options exercised .....	(15,958)	(1,314,911)
Options closed .....	(428,602)	(61,094,457)
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Options outstanding at September 30, 2009 ...	27,127	\$ 2,867,481
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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.

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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 ENHANCED EQUITY INCOME FUND

By (Signature and Title)\* /S/ JAMES A. BOWEN

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James A. Bowen, Chairman of the Board, President  
and Chief Executive Officer  
(principal executive officer)

Date NOVEMBER 23, 2009  
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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/ JAMES A. BOWEN

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James A. Bowen, Chairman of the Board, President  
and Chief Executive Officer  
(principal executive officer)

Date NOVEMBER 23, 2009  
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By (Signature and Title)\* /S/ MARK R. BRADLEY

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Mark R. Bradley, Treasurer, Controller,  
Chief Financial Officer and Chief Accounting Officer  
(principal financial officer)

Date NOVEMBER 23, 2009  
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\* Print the name and title of each signing officer under his or her signature.