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DIVIDEND NOTICE SERIES A PREFERRED SHARES

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GABELLI UTILITY TRUST DECLARES \$0.3515625 QUARTERLY DIVIDEND FOR ITS 5.625% SERIES A CUMULATIVE PREFERRED SHARES

Rye, NY -- The Board of Trustees of The Gabelli Utility Trust (NYSE:GUT) (the "Fund") declared a \$0.3515625 per share cash distribution payable on March 26, 2012 to Series A preferred shareholders of record on March 19, 2012.

The Series A Preferred Shares, which trade on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "GUT Pr A", are rated "Aaa" by Moody's Investors Service and have an annual dividend rate of \$1.40625 per share. The Series A Preferred Shares were issued on July 31, 2003 at \$25.00 per share and pay distributions quarterly. After five years of call protection, the Series A Preferred Shares became callable at any time at the liquidation value of \$25.00 per share plus accrued dividends.

A portion of the distribution may be treated as long-term capital gain and qualified dividend income for individuals, each subject to the maximum federal income tax rate, which is currently 15% in taxable accounts for individuals. Long-term capital gains, qualified dividend income, and ordinary income, if any, will be allocated on a pro-rata basis to all distributions to preferred shareholders for the year. Based on the accounting records of the Fund as of February 14, 2012, the current distribution to preferred shareholders would include approximately 60% from net investment income and 40% from net capital gains. The estimated components of each distribution are updated and provided to shareholders of record in a notice accompanying the distribution and are available on our website (www.gabelli.com). The final determination of the sources of all distributions in 2012 will be made after year end and can vary from the quarterly estimates. All shareholders with taxable accounts will receive written notification regarding the components and tax treatment for all 2012 distributions in early 2013 via Form 1099-DIV.

The Gabelli Utility Trust is a non-diversified, closed-end management investment company with \$228 million in total net assets whose primary investment objective is to seek long-term growth of capital and income by investing primarily in companies that provide products, services, or equipment for the generation or distribution of electricity, gas, and water. The Fund is managed by Gabelli Funds, LLC, a subsidiary of GAMCO Investors, Inc. (NYSE:GBL), which is a publicly traded NYSE listed company.