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Class A, B, C, and I Shares

PROSPECTUS

April 30, 2009

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INVESTMENT AND PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

Investment Objective:

The Gabelli Utilities Fund (the “Fund”) seeks to provide a high level of total return through a combination of capital appreciation and current income.

Principal Investment Strategies:

Under normal circumstances, the Fund invests at least 80% of its net assets in securities of domestic or foreign companies (i) that are involved to a substantial extent in providing products, services or equipment for the generation or distribution of electricity, gas, and water and the provision of infrastructure operations or telecommunications services, such as telephone, telegraph, satellite, cable, microwave, radiotelephone, mobile communication and cellular, paging, electronic mail, videotext, voice communications, data communications, and Internet (collectively, “Utility Companies”), and (ii) that the Fund’s portfolio management team of the Fund’s investment adviser, Gabelli Funds, LLC (the “Adviser”), believes have the potential to achieve either capital appreciation or current income. The Adviser will emphasize quality in selecting utility investments, and looks for companies that have proven dividend records and sound financial structures. Generally, Utility Companies generate relatively predictable streams of revenue and income, and in the view of the Adviser, are likely to pay dividends.

Principal Risks:

The Fund’s share price will fluctuate with changes in the market value of the Fund’s portfolio securities. Stocks are subject to market, economic, and business risks that may cause their prices to fluctuate. When you sell Fund shares, they may be worth less than what you paid for them. Consequently, you can lose money by investing in the Fund. The Fund is also subject to the following risks: that its portfolio companies will reduce or eliminate the dividend rate on the securities held by the Fund, that no event occurs to surface the value expected by the Adviser or that regulatory actions adversely affect the Fund’s portfolio securities. As a consequence of its concentration policy, the Fund’s investments may be subject to greater risk and market fluctuation than a fund that has securities representing a broader range of alternatives. Foreign securities are subject to currency, information, and political risks.

You May Want to Invest in the Fund if:

- you are a long-term investor
- you seek growth of capital as well as current income
- you wish to include an income strategy as a portion of your overall investments
- you believe that the utilities industry can generate growth of capital

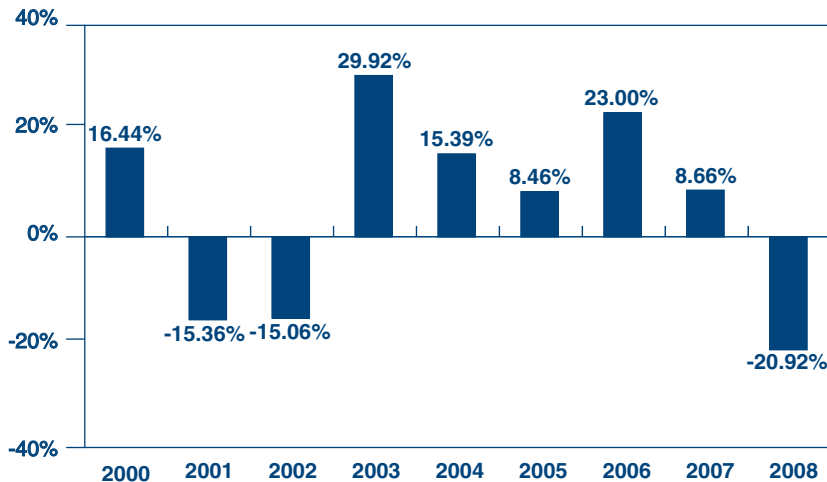
You May Not Want to Invest in the Fund if:

- you are conservative in your investment approach
- you seek stability of principal more than growth of capital
- you do not believe the utilities industry has favorable growth prospects

Performance:

The bar chart and table that follow provide an indication of the risks of investing in the Fund by showing changes in the Fund's performance from year to year, and by showing how the Fund's average annual returns for one year, five years, and the life of the Fund (since the Fund began in 1999) compare with those of a broad-based securities market index. The historical performance of Class AAA Shares, which are not offered in this Prospectus, is used to calculate performance for Class A, B, C, and I Shares prior to their issuance. Class A, Class B, and Class C Shares all commenced their offering on December 31, 2002. Class I Shares were first issued on January 11, 2008. All the classes of the Fund's shares are invested in the same portfolio of securities. The annual returns of the different classes of shares will differ only to the extent that the expenses of the classes differ. Average annual total returns for the life of the Fund have been adjusted to reflect actual sales loads, but have not been adjusted to reflect differences in service and/or distribution fees. The performance for the Class B Shares and Class C Shares would have been lower and the performance for Class I Shares would have been higher than Class AAA Shares performance due to the different expenses associated with these classes of shares. As with all mutual funds, the Fund's past performance (before and after taxes) does not predict how the Fund will perform in the future. Both the chart and the table assume the reinvestment of distributions.

**THE GABELLI UTILITIES FUND
(for the Periods Ended December 31)***



* The bar chart above shows total returns for Class AAA Shares for the periods ended 2000 through 2002 and total returns for Class A Shares for the periods ended 2003 through 2008. Sales loads are not reflected in the above chart. If sales loads were reflected, the Fund's returns would be less than those shown. During the periods shown in the bar chart, the highest return for a quarter was 22.0% (quarter ended June 30, 2003) and the lowest return for a quarter was (20.5)% (quarter ended September 30, 2002).

| Average Annual Total Returns (for the periods ended December 31, 2008) | Past One Year | Past Five Years | Since August 31, 1999⁽¹⁾ |
|---|----------------------|------------------------|--|
| The Gabelli Utilities Fund Class A Shares ⁽²⁾ | | | |
| Return Before Taxes | (25.47)% | 4.51% | 5.56% |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions | (25.70)% | 4.03% | 4.21% |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares | (16.26)% | 3.88% | 4.11% |
| Class B Shares ⁽²⁾ | | | |
| Return Before Taxes | (25.48)% | 4.62% | 5.67% |
| Class C Shares ⁽²⁾ | | | |
| Return Before Taxes | (22.44)% | 4.99% | 5.72% |
| Class I Shares ⁽²⁾ | | | |
| Return Before Taxes | (20.79)% | 5.81% | 6.22% |
| S&P 500 Index* | (36.99)% | (2.19)% | (2.32)% |
| S&P 500 Utilities Index** | (28.98)% | 8.29% | 2.85% |
| Lipper Utility Fund Average*** | (33.52)% | 6.89% | 2.79% |

(1) From August 31, 1999, the date that the Fund's Class AAA Shares commenced investment operations. The returns shown for Class A, Class B, Class C, and Class I Shares prior to their inception dates are those of a class of shares of the Fund not offered in this Prospectus (the "Class AAA Shares"). Net of applicable sales charges and 12b-1 fees, the Class AAA Shares, the Class A Shares, the Class B Shares, the Class C Shares, and the Class I Shares would have substantially similar annual returns because the shares are invested in the same portfolio of securities. However, annual returns of the Class A Shares, Class B Shares, and Class C Shares would be lower than returns for Class AAA Shares because of their applicable sales charges and higher fees and expenses. Annual returns for Class I Shares would be higher than the returns for Class AAA Shares because of their lower expenses. As with all mutual funds, past performance (before and after taxes) is not necessarily an indication of how the Fund will perform in the future.

(2) The performance for Class A Shares reflects the deduction of the maximum front-end sales load of 5.75% and the performance of Class B and Class C Shares reflect the deduction of the applicable contingent deferred sales charge. Class I Shares do not include an initial sales charge or a contingent deferred sales charge. Expenses for Class I Shares are lower than those for Class A, Class B, and Class C Shares.

* The S&P 500 Index is a widely recognized, unmanaged index of common stock prices. The Index figures do not reflect any deduction for fees, expenses, or taxes. You cannot invest directly in the S&P 500 Index.

** The S&P 500 Utilities Index is an unmanaged index consisting of 49 gas, electric, and telephone stocks that are included in the S&P 500 Index, a market capitalization-weighted index of common stocks. The index figures do not reflect any deduction for fees, expenses, or taxes. You cannot invest directly in the S&P 500 Utilities Index.

*** The Lipper Utility Fund Average reflects the average performance of mutual funds classified in this particular category.

After-tax returns are calculated using the historical highest individual federal marginal income tax rates and do not reflect the impact of state and local taxes. In some instances, the "Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares" may be greater than "Return Before Taxes" because the investor is assumed to be able to use the capital loss from the sale of Fund shares to offset other taxable gains. Actual after-tax returns depend on the investor's tax situation and may differ from those shown. After-tax returns shown are not relevant to investors who hold their Fund shares through tax-deferred arrangements, such as 401(k) plans or Individual Retirement Accounts ("IRAs"). After-tax returns are shown only for Class A Shares and after-tax returns for other classes will vary due to the difference in expenses.

Fees and Expenses of the Fund:

This table describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy and hold shares of the Fund.

| | <u>Class A Shares</u> | <u>Class B Shares*</u> | <u>Class C Shares</u> | <u>Class I Shares</u> |
|--|---------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Shareholder Fees (fees paid directly from your investment): | | | | |
| Maximum Sales Charge (Load) on Purchases (as a percentage of offering price) | 5.75% ⁽¹⁾ | None | None | None |
| Maximum Deferred Sales Charge (Load) (as a percentage of redemption price ⁽⁴⁾) | None ⁽²⁾ | 5.00% ⁽³⁾ | 1.00% ⁽³⁾ | None |
| Redemption Fees (as a percentage of amount redeemed for shares held 7 days or less) payable to the Fund | 2.00% | 2.00% | 2.00% | 2.00% |
| Annual Fund Operating Expenses (expenses that are deducted from Fund assets): | | | | |
| Management Fees | 1.00% | 1.00% | 1.00% | 1.00% |
| Distribution and Service (Rule 12b-1) Fees ⁽⁵⁾ | 0.25% | 1.00% | 1.00% | None |
| Other Expenses | <u>0.18%</u> | <u>0.18%</u> | <u>0.18%</u> | <u>0.18%</u> |
| Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses | <u>1.43%</u> | <u>2.18%</u> | <u>2.18%</u> | <u>1.18%</u> |

* Class B Shares are not available for new purchases, other than exchanges from Class B Shares of other Gabelli/GAMCO Funds.

- (1) The sales charge declines as the amount invested increases.
- (2) If no sales charge was paid at the time of purchase as part of an investment that is greater than \$1,000,000, shares redeemed within eighteen months of such purchase may be subject to a deferred sales charge of 1.00%.
- (3) The Fund imposes a sales charge upon redemption of Class B Shares if you sell your shares within seventy-two months after purchase. The sales charge declines the longer the investment remains in the Fund. A maximum sales charge of 1.00% applies to redemptions of Class C Shares within twelve months after purchase.
- (4) "Redemption Price" equals the net asset value at the time of investment or redemption, whichever is lower for Class A, Class B, and Class C Shares.
- (5) Due to the payment of Rule 12b-1 fees, long-term shareholders may indirectly pay more than the equivalent of the maximum permitted front-end sales charge.

Expense Example:

This example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Fund with the cost of investing in other mutual funds. The example assumes (1) you invest \$10,000 in the Fund for the time periods shown, (2) you redeem your shares at the end of those periods except as noted, (3) your investment has a 5% return each year, and (4) the Fund's operating expenses remain the same. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions your costs would be:

| | <u>1 Year</u> | <u>3 Years</u> | <u>5 Years</u> | <u>10 Years</u> |
|------------------------------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Class A Shares | | | | |
| - assuming redemption | \$712 | \$1,001 | \$1,312 | \$2,190 |
| - assuming no redemption | \$712 | \$1,001 | \$1,312 | \$2,190 |
| Class B Shares | | | | |
| - assuming redemption | \$721 | \$982 | \$1,369 | \$2,323 |
| - assuming no redemption | \$221 | \$682 | \$1,169 | \$2,323 |
| Class C Shares | | | | |
| - assuming redemption | \$321 | \$682 | \$1,169 | \$2,513 |
| - assuming no redemption | \$221 | \$682 | \$1,169 | \$2,513 |
| Class I Shares | | | | |
| - assuming redemption | \$120 | \$375 | \$649 | \$1,432 |
| - assuming no redemption | \$120 | \$375 | \$649 | \$1,432 |

INVESTMENT AND RISK INFORMATION

The Fund's primary investment objective is to seek a high level of total return through a combination of capital appreciation and current income. The investment objective of the Fund may not be changed without shareholder approval.

Under normal circumstances, the Fund invests at least 80% of its net assets in securities of Utility Companies which the Adviser believes have the potential to provide either capital appreciation or current income (the "80% Investment Policy"). The 80% Investment Policy may be changed by the Board of Trustees (the "Board") without shareholder approval. Shareholders will, however, receive at least 60 days' prior notice of any change in this policy. Generally, Utility Companies generate relatively predictable streams of revenue and income, and in the view of the Adviser, are likely to pay dividends. However, the Fund intends to focus on those companies in this industry whose common stocks have the potential for capital appreciation. The Fund's performance is expected to reflect conditions affecting the utilities industry. This industry is sensitive to factors such as interest rates, local and national government regulations, the price and availability of materials used in the particular utility, environmental protection or energy conservation regulations, the level of demand for services, and the risks associated with constructing and operating certain kinds of facilities, such as nuclear power facilities. These factors may change rapidly. The Adviser emphasizes quality in selecting utility investments, and looks for companies that have proven dividend records and sound financial structures. Believing that the industry is under consolidation due to changes in regulation, the Fund intends to position itself to take advantage of trends in consolidation.

Undervaluation of the stock of a utility company with good intermediate and longer-term fundamentals can result from a variety of factors, such as a lack of investor recognition of:

- the underlying value of a company's fixed assets,
- the level of demand for services,
- the underlying value of the companies within the utilities industry,
- beneficial changes in interest rates,
- beneficial changes in the price and availability of fuel,
- the value of a consumer or commercial franchise,
- changes in the economic or financial environment affecting the company,
- new or rapidly expanding markets,
- technological developments or advancements affecting the company or its products,
- changes in local and national governmental regulations, political climate, or competitive conditions, or
- changes in environmental protection or energy conservation regulations.

Actual events that may lead to a significant increase in the value of a company's securities include:

- favorable earnings surprises relative to analysts' expectations,
- a beneficial change in the local or national governmental regulations,
- a beneficial change in environmental protection regulations or energy conservation regulations,
- a merger or reorganization or recapitalization of the company,
- a sale of a division of the company,
- a tender offer (an offer to purchase investors' shares),
- the retirement or death of a senior officer or substantial shareholder of the company, or
- a beneficial change in the company's dividend policy.

In selecting investments, the Adviser will look for companies that have proven dividend records and sound financial structures. The Adviser will consider factors such as (i) the market price of the issuer's common stock, earnings expectations, earnings and price histories, balance sheet characteristics, perceived management skills, and the conditions affecting the industry in which the issuer practices; (ii) the level of interest rates, local and national government regulations, the price and availability of materials used in the particular utility, environmental protection or energy conservation regulations, the level of demand for services, and the risks associated with constructing and operating certain kinds of facilities such as nuclear power facilities; (iii) the potential for capital appreciation of the stock; (iv) the dividend income generated by the stock; (v) the prices of the stock relative to other comparable stocks; and (vi) the diversification of the portfolio of the Fund as to issuers. The Adviser will also consider changes in economic and political outlooks as well as individual corporate developments. The Adviser will sell any Fund investments which lose their perceived value relative to other investments in the judgment of the portfolio management team.

The Fund's assets will be invested primarily in a broad range of readily marketable dividend-paying common stocks in the utilities industry. Although many of the common stocks will pay above average dividends, the Fund will buy stock of those companies whose securities have the potential for their prices to increase, providing either capital appreciation or current income for the Fund. The value of common stocks will fluctuate due to many factors, including the past and predicted earnings of the issuer, the quality of the issuer's management, general market conditions, the forecasts for the issuer's industry, and the value of the issuer's assets. Holders of common stocks only have rights to the value in the company after all debts have been paid, and they could lose their entire investment in a company that encounters financial difficulty.

The Fund's policy of concentration in companies in the utilities industry is a fundamental policy of the Fund. Fundamental policies may not be changed without the authorization of a majority (as defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act")) of the Fund's outstanding shares.

The Fund may also use the following investment techniques:

- **Defensive Investments.** When adverse market or economic conditions occur, the Fund may temporarily invest all or a portion of its assets in defensive investments. Such investments include high grade debt securities, obligations of the U.S. government and its agencies, and instrumentalities or high quality, short-term money market instruments. When following a defensive strategy, the Fund will be less likely to achieve its investment goal.
- **Foreign Securities.** The Fund may invest up to 40% of its total assets in securities of non-U.S. issuers.

The Fund may also engage in other investment practices in order to achieve its investment objective. These are briefly discussed in the Statement of Additional Information ("SAI") which may be obtained by calling 800-GABELLI (800-422-3554), your broker, or free of charge through the Adviser's website at www.gabelli.com.

Investing in the Fund involves the following risks:

- **Equity Risk.** The principal risk of investing in the Fund is equity risk. Equity risk is the risk that the prices of the securities held by the Fund will fall due to general market and economic conditions, perceptions regarding the industries in which the companies issuing the securities participate, and the issuer company's particular circumstances.
- **Fund and Management Risk.** The Fund's performance may be poorer than that of other funds if, for example, the market favors stocks of companies from different industries over stocks of companies from the utilities industry. If the portfolio management team is incorrect in its assessment of

the values of the securities the Fund holds, no event occurs which surfaces value, or any of the companies either cease to pay dividends or reduce the level of dividends paid, then the value of the Fund's shares may decline.

- **Industry Risk.** The Fund's investments in Utility Companies may be more susceptible to factors affecting those particular types of companies and may decline in value because of various factors, including increases in operating expenses, high interest costs, higher inflation, industry overcapacity, or reduced demand for services.
- **Regulatory Risk.** The Fund's investments in Utility Companies may lose value because of changes in the amounts and types of governmental and environmental regulation. Various regulatory regimes impose limitations on the percentage of the shares held of a public utility. In addition, various types of ownership restrictions are imposed by the Federal Communications Commission, on investments both in mass media companies, such as broadcasters and cable operators, as well as in common carrier companies, such as the providers of local telephone service and cellular radio. Moreover, deregulation of various sectors of the utilities industry could have a negative impact on the Fund's shares as certain companies prove to be less able to meet the challenge of deregulation.
- **Foreign Securities Risk.** Investments in foreign securities involve risks relating to political, social, and economic developments abroad, as well as risks resulting from the differences between the regulations to which U.S. and foreign issuers and markets are subject. These risks include expropriation, differing accounting and disclosure standards, currency exchange risks, settlement difficulties, market illiquidity, difficulties enforcing legal rights, and greater transaction costs.

Portfolio Holdings. A description of the Fund's policies and procedures with respect to the disclosure of the Fund's portfolio securities is available in the Fund's SAI.

MANAGEMENT OF THE FUND

The Adviser. Gabelli Funds, LLC, with its principal offices located at One Corporate Center, Rye, New York 10580-1422, serves as investment adviser to the Fund. The Adviser makes investment decisions for the Fund and continuously reviews and administers the Fund's investment program and manages the Fund's operations under the general supervision of the Fund's Board. The Adviser also manages several other open-end and closed-end investment companies in the Gabelli/GAMCO family of funds. The Adviser is a New York limited liability company organized in 1999 as successor to GGCP, Inc., a New York corporation organized in 1980. The Adviser is a wholly owned subsidiary of GAMCO Investors, Inc. ("GBL") a publicly held company listed on the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE").

As compensation for its services and the related expenses borne by the Adviser for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008, the Fund paid the Adviser a fee computed daily and payable monthly equal to 1.00% of the value of its average daily net assets.

The Fund's semi-annual report to shareholders for the period ended June 30, 2008 contains a discussion of the basis of the Board's determination to continue the investment advisory agreement as described above.

Regulatory Matters. On April 24, 2008, the Adviser entered into an administrative settlement with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) to resolve the SEC’s inquiry regarding prior frequent trading activity in shares of the GAMCO Global Growth Fund (the “Global Growth Fund”) by one investor who was banned from the Global Growth Fund in August 2002. In the settlement, the SEC found that the Adviser had violated Section 206(2) of the Investment Advisers Act, Section 17(d) of the 1940 Act and Rule 17d-1 thereunder, and had aided and abetted and caused violations of Section 12(d)(1)(B)(i) of the 1940 Act. Under the terms of the settlement, the Adviser, while neither admitting nor denying the SEC’s findings and allegations, agreed, among other things, to pay the previously reserved total of \$16 million (including a \$5 million penalty), of which at least \$11 million will be distributed to shareholders of the Global Growth Fund in accordance with a plan to be developed by an independent distribution consultant, and approved by the independent directors of the Global Growth Fund and the staff of the SEC, and to cease and desist from future violations of the above-referenced federal securities laws. The settlement is not expected to impact the Fund and will not have a material adverse impact on the Adviser or its ability to fulfill its obligations under the investment advisory agreement. On the same day, the SEC filed a civil action against the Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of the Adviser, alleging violations of certain federal securities laws arising from the same matter. The officer is also an officer of the Global Growth Fund and other funds in the Gabelli/GAMCO fund complex. The officer denies the allegations and is continuing in his positions with the Adviser and the funds. The Adviser currently expects that any resolution of the action against the officer will not have a material adverse impact on the Adviser or its ability to fulfill its obligations under the investment advisory agreement.

Portfolio Management. Mr. Mario J. Gabelli, CFA is responsible for the day-to-day investment decisions of the Fund. Mr. Gabelli has been Chairman, Chief Executive Officer, and Chief Investment Officer - Value Portfolios of the Adviser and its predecessor since its inception as well as its parent company, GBL. Mr. Gabelli also acts as Chief Executive Officer and Chief Investment Officer - Value Portfolios of GAMCO Asset Management Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of GBL, and is an officer or director of other companies affiliated with GBL.

The Fund’s SAI provides additional information about Mr. Gabelli’s compensation, other accounts managed by Mr. Gabelli and Mr. Gabelli’s ownership of securities, if any, in the funds he manages.

CLASSES OF SHARES

Four classes of the Fund’s shares are offered in this Prospectus – Class A Shares, Class B Shares, Class C Shares, and Class I Shares. Class AAA Shares of the Fund are described in a separate prospectus. Class B Shares are not currently available for new purchases, other than exchanges from Class B Shares of other Gabelli/GAMCO Funds. Class I Shares are available to foundations, endowments, institutions, and employee benefit plans. The minimum investment for Class I Shares is \$500,000 if the investor purchases the shares directly through Gabelli & Company, Inc. the Fund’s Distributor (the “Distributor”) or brokers that have entered into selling agreements with the Distributor specifically with respect to Class I Shares. The minimum is waived for plans with assets of at least \$50 million. The Distributor or its affiliates may accept, in their sole discretion, investments in Class I Shares from purchasers not listed above or that do not meet these qualification requirements. The table that follows summarizes the differences among the classes of shares.

- A “front-end sales load,” or sales charge, is a one-time fee charged at the time of purchase of shares.
- A “contingent deferred sales charge” (“CDSC”) is a one-time fee charged at the time of redemption.
- A “Rule 12b-1 fee” is a recurring annual fee for distributing shares and servicing shareholder accounts based on the Fund’s average daily net assets attributable to the particular class of shares.

| | Class A Shares | Class B Shares | Class C Shares | Class I Shares |
|-----------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| Front-End Sales Load? | Yes. The percentage declines as the amount invested increases. | No. | No. | No. |
| Contingent Deferred Sales Charge? | No, except for shares redeemed within eighteen months after purchase as part of an investment greater than \$1 million if no front-end sales charge was paid at the time of purchase. | Yes, for shares redeemed within seventy-two months after purchase. Declines over time. | Yes, for shares redeemed within twelve months after purchase. | No. |
| Rule 12b-1 Fee | 0.25% | 1.00% | 1.00% | None. |
| Convertible to Another Class? | No. | Yes. Automatically converts to Class A Shares approximately ninety-six months after purchase. | No. | No. |
| Fund Expense Levels | Lower annual expenses than Class B or Class C Shares. Higher annual expenses than Class I Shares. | Higher annual expenses than Class A Shares and Class I Shares. | Higher annual expenses than Class A Shares and Class I Shares. | Lower annual expenses than Class A, Class B, or Class C Shares. |

In selecting a class of shares in which to invest, you should consider:

- the length of time you plan to hold the shares;
- the amount of sales charge and Rule 12b-1 fees, recognizing that your share of 12b-1 fees as a percentage of your investment increases if the Fund’s assets increase in value and decreases if the Fund’s assets decrease in value;
- whether you qualify for a reduction or waiver of the Class A sales charge;
- that Class B Shares convert to Class A Shares approximately ninety-six months after purchase;
- whether you qualify to purchase Class I Shares (direct institutional purchase of \$500,000 or more); and
- new investments in Class B Shares are no longer available.

The following sections include important information about sales charges and sales charge reductions and waivers available to investors in Class A Shares and describe information or records you may need to provide the Fund or your broker in order to be eligible for sales charge reductions and waivers. Information about sales charges and sales charge reductions and waivers to the various classes of the Fund’s shares is also available free of charge and in a clear and prominent format on our website at www.gabelli.com (click on “Mutual Funds – Sales Load and Breakpoint Info”).

| If you... | then you should consider... |
|---|--|
| • qualify for a reduced or waived front-end sales load | purchasing Class A Shares instead of Class B Shares or Class C Shares |
| • do not qualify for a reduced or waived front-end sales load and intend to hold your shares for only a few years | purchasing Class C Shares instead of either Class A Shares or Class B Shares |
| • do not qualify for a reduced or waived front-end sales load and intend to hold your shares indefinitely | purchasing Class A Shares instead of either Class B Shares or Class C Shares |
| • are an eligible institution and wish to purchase at least \$500,000 worth of shares | purchasing Class I Shares |

Sales Charge — Class A Shares. The sales charge is imposed on Class A Shares at the time of purchase in accordance with the following schedule:

| <u>Amount of Investment</u> | <u>Sales Charge as % of the Offering Price*</u> | <u>Sales Charge as % of Amount Invested</u> | <u>Reallowance to Broker-Dealers</u> |
|-----------------------------------|---|---|--------------------------------------|
| Under \$50,000 | 5.75% | 6.10% | 5.00% |
| \$50,000 but under \$100,000 | 4.75% | 4.99% | 4.00% |
| \$100,000 but under \$250,000 | 3.75% | 3.90% | 3.00% |
| \$250,000 but under \$500,000 | 2.75% | 2.83% | 2.25% |
| \$500,000 but under \$1 million | 2.00% | 2.04% | 1.75% |
| \$1 million but under \$2 million | 0.00%** | 0.00% | 1.00% |
| \$2 million but under \$5 million | 0.00%** | 0.00% | 0.50% |
| \$5 million or more | 0.00%** | 0.00% | 0.25% |

* Includes front-end sales load.

** Subject to a 1.00% CDSC for eighteen months after purchase if no front-end sales charge was paid at time of purchase.

No sales charge is imposed on reinvestment of distributions selected in advance of the distributions.

Breakpoints or Volume Discounts

The Fund offers you the benefit of discounts on the sales charges that apply to purchases of Class A Shares in certain circumstances. These discounts, which are also known as breakpoints, can reduce or, in some instances, eliminate the initial sales charges that would otherwise apply to your Class A Shares investment. Mutual funds are not required to offer breakpoints and different mutual fund groups may offer different types of breakpoints.

Breakpoints or Volume Discounts allow larger investments in Class A Shares to be charged lower sales charges. If you invest \$50,000 or more in Class A Shares of the Fund, then you are eligible for a reduced sales charge. Initial sales charges are eliminated completely for purchases of \$1,000,000 or more, although a 1% CDSC may apply if shares are redeemed within eighteen months after purchase.

Sales Charge Reductions and Waivers — Class A Shares:

Reduced sales charges are available to (1) investors who are eligible to combine their purchases of Class A Shares to receive Volume Discounts and (2) investors who sign a Letter of Intent (the “Letter”) agreeing to make purchases over time. Certain types of investors are eligible for sales charge waivers.

You may qualify for a reduced sales charge, or a waiver of sales charges, on purchases of Class A Shares. The requirements are described in the following paragraphs. To receive a reduction that you

qualify for, you may have to provide additional information to your broker or other service agent. For more information about sales charge discounts and waivers, consult with your broker or other service provider.

Volume Discounts/Rights of Accumulation. In order to determine whether you qualify for a Volume Discount under the sales charge schedule above, you may combine your new investment and your existing investments in Class A Shares with those of your immediate family (spouse and children under age 21), your and their IRAs, and other employee benefit plans and trusts and other fiduciary accounts for you and their benefit. You may also include Class A Shares of any other open-end investment company managed by the Adviser or its affiliates that are held in any of the forgoing accounts. The Fund uses the current net asset value of these holdings when combining them with your new and existing investments for purposes of determining whether you qualify for a Volume Discount.

Letter of Intent. If you initially invest at least \$1,000 in Class A Shares of the Fund and submit a Letter to your broker or the Distributor, you may make purchases of Class A Shares of that Fund during a 13-month period at the reduced sales charge rates applicable to the aggregate amount of the intended purchases stated in the Letter. The Letter may apply to purchases made up to 90 days before the date of the Letter. If you fail to invest the total amount stated in the Letter, the Fund will retroactively collect the sales charge otherwise applicable by redeeming shares in your account at their then current net asset value per share (“NAV”). For more information on the Letter, call your broker.

Required Shareholder Information and Records. In order for you to take advantage of sales charge reductions, you or your broker must notify the Fund that you qualify for a reduction. Without notification, the Fund is unable to ensure that the reduction is applied to your account. You may have to provide information or records to your broker or the Fund to verify eligibility for breakpoint privileges or other sales charge waivers. This may include information or records, including account statements, regarding shares of the Fund or shares of any other open-end investment company managed by the Adviser or its affiliates held in:

- all of your accounts at the Fund or a broker;
- any account of yours at another broker; and
- accounts of related parties of yours, such as members of the same family, at any broker.

You should therefore keep copies of these types of records.

Investors Eligible for Sales Charge Waivers. Class A Shares of the Fund may be offered without a sales charge to: (1) employees of the Distributor and its affiliates, Bank of New York Mellon, Boston Financial Data Services, Inc., State Street Bank and Trust Company, the Fund’s Transfer Agent (“State Street”), PNC Global Investment Servicing (U.S.) Inc., (formerly PFPC Inc.) and Soliciting Broker-Dealers, employee benefit plans for those employees and their spouses and minor children of such employees when orders on their behalf are placed by such employees (the minimum initial investment for such purchases is \$500); (2) the Adviser, GBL, its officers, directors, trustees, general partners, and employees of other investment companies managed by the Adviser, employee benefit plans for such persons and their immediate family when orders on their behalf are placed by such persons (with no required minimum initial investment), the term “immediate family” for this purpose refers to a person’s spouse, children and grandchildren (adopted or natural), parents, grandparents, siblings, a spouse’s siblings, a sibling’s spouse, and a sibling’s children; (3) any other investment company in connection with the combination of such company with the Fund by merger, acquisition of assets, or otherwise; (4) shareholders who have redeemed shares in the Fund and who wish to reinvest in the Fund, provided the reinvestment is made within 45 days of the redemption; (5) tax-exempt organizations enumerated in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”), and private, charitable foundations that in each case make lump-sum purchases of \$100,000 or more; (6) qualified employee benefit plans established pursuant to Section 457 of the Code that have established omnibus accounts

with the Fund or an intermediary; (7) qualified employee benefit plans having more than one hundred eligible employees and a minimum of \$1 million in plan assets invested in the Fund; (8) any unit investment trusts registered under the 1940 Act which have shares of the Fund as a principal investment; (9) investment advisory clients of GAMCO Asset Management Inc. and their immediate families; (10) employee participants of organizations adopting the 401(K) Plan sponsored by the Adviser; (11) financial institutions purchasing Class A Shares of the Fund for clients participating in a fee based asset allocation program or wrap fee program which has been approved by the Fund's Distributor; and (12) registered investment advisers or financial planners who place trades for their own accounts or the accounts of their clients and who charge a management, consulting, or other fee for their services; and clients of such investment advisers or financial planners who place trades for their own accounts if the accounts are linked to the master account of such investment adviser or financial planner on the books and records of a broker or agent.

Investors who qualify under any of the categories described above should contact their brokerage firm. Some of these investors may also qualify to invest in Class I Shares.

Contingent Deferred Sales Charges

You will pay a CDSC when you redeem:

- Class A Shares within approximately eighteen-months of buying them as part of an investment greater than \$1 million if no front-end sales charge was paid at the time of purchase;
- Class B Shares within approximately seventy-two months of buying them; and
- Class C Shares within approximately twelve months of buying them.

The CDSC payable upon redemption of Class A Shares and Class C Shares in the circumstances described above is 1.00%. The CDSC schedule for Class B Shares is set forth below. In each case, the CDSC is based on the NAV at the time of your investment or the NAV at the time of redemption, whichever is lower.

| <u>Years Since Purchase</u> | <u>Class B Shares CDSC</u> |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| First | 5.00% |
| Second | 4.00% |
| Third | 3.00% |
| Fourth | 3.00% |
| Fifth | 2.00% |
| Sixth | 1.00% |
| Seventh and thereafter | 0.00% |

The Distributor pays sales commissions of up to 4.00% of the purchase price of Class B Shares of the Fund at the time of sale to brokers that initiate and are responsible for purchases of such Class B Shares of the Fund.

The Distributor pays sales commissions of up to 1.00% of the purchase price of Class C Shares of the Fund at the time of sale to brokers that initiate and are responsible for purchases of such Class C Shares of the Fund.

You will not pay a CDSC to the extent that the value of the redeemed shares represents reinvestment of distributions or capital appreciation of shares redeemed. When you redeem shares, we will assume that you are first redeeming shares representing reinvestment of dividends and capital gain distributions, then any appreciation on shares redeemed, and then any remaining shares held by you for the longest period of time. We will calculate the holding period of shares acquired through an exchange of shares of another fund from the date you acquired the original shares of the other fund. The time you hold shares in a Gabelli money market fund, however, will not count for purposes of calculating the applicable CDSC.

We will waive the CDSC payable upon redemptions of shares for:

- redemptions and distributions from retirement plans made after the death or disability of a shareholder;
- minimum required distributions made from an IRA or other retirement plan account after you reach age 70½;
- involuntary redemptions made by the Fund;
- a distribution from a tax-deferred retirement plan after your retirement; and
- returns of excess contributions to retirement plans following the shareholder's death or disability.

Conversion Feature – Class B Shares:

- Class B Shares automatically convert to Class A Shares of the Fund on the first business day of the ninety-seventh month following the month in which you acquired such shares.
- After conversion, your shares will be subject to the lower Rule 12b-1 fees charged on Class A Shares, which will increase your investment return compared to the Class B Shares.
- You will not pay any sales charge or fees when your shares convert, nor will the transaction be subject to any tax.
- The dollar value of Class A Shares you receive will equal the dollar value of the Class B Shares converted.
- If you exchange Class B Shares of one fund for Class B Shares of another fund, your holding period for calculating the CDSC will be from the time of your original purchase of Class B Shares. If you exchange shares into a Gabelli money market fund, however, your holding period will be suspended.

The Fund's Board may suspend the automatic conversion of Class B Shares to Class A Shares for legal reasons or due to the exercise of its fiduciary duty. If the Board determines that such suspension is likely to continue for a substantial period of time, it will create another class of shares into which Class B Shares are convertible.

Rule 12b-1 Plan. The Fund has adopted distribution plans under Rule 12b-1 (the "Plans") for Class A Shares, Class B Shares, and Class C Shares of the Fund (each a "Plan"). Under the Plans, the Fund may use its assets to finance activities relating to the sale of its Class A, Class B, and Class C Shares and the provision of certain shareholder services.

For the Class A, Class B, and Class C Shares covered by this Prospectus, the Rule 12b-1 fees vary by class as follows:

| | <u>Class A</u> | <u>Class B</u> | <u>Class C</u> |
|-------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Service Fees | 0.25% | 0.25% | 0.25% |
| Distribution Fees | None | 0.75% | 0.75% |

These are annual rates based on the value of each of these Classes' average daily net assets. Because the Rule 12b-1 fees are higher for Class B and Class C Shares than for Class A Shares, Class B Shares and Class C Shares will have higher annual expenses. Because Rule 12b-1 fees are paid out of the Fund's assets on an on-going basis, over time these fees will increase the cost of your investment and may cost you more than paying other types of sales charges.

Generally, if you sell or exchange your shares within seven (7) days or less after the purchase date, you will be charged a redemption fee of 2.00% of the total redemption amount which is payable to the Fund. See "Redemption of Shares" herein.

PURCHASE OF SHARES

You can purchase the Fund's shares on any day the NYSE is open for trading (a "Business Day"). You may purchase shares through registered broker-dealers or other financial intermediaries that have entered into appropriate selling agreements with the Fund's Distributor.

The broker-dealer, bank, or other financial intermediary will transmit a purchase order and payment to State Street, the Fund's Transfer Agent, on your behalf. Broker-dealers, banks, or other financial intermediaries may send you confirmations of your transactions and periodic account statements showing your investments in the Fund.

Presently, Class B Shares may only be acquired through an exchange of Class B Shares of another Gabelli/GAMCO Fund.

- **By Mail or In Person.** Your broker-dealer, bank, or financial intermediary can obtain a subscription order form by calling 800-GABELLI (800-422-3554). Checks made payable to a third party and endorsed by the depositor are not acceptable. For additional investments, send a check to the following address with a note stating your exact name and account number, the name of the Fund(s), and class of shares you wish to purchase.

By Mail

The Gabelli Funds
P.O. Box 8308
Boston, MA 02266-8308

By Personal Delivery

The Gabelli Funds
c/o BFDS
30 Dan Road
Canton, MA 02021-2809

- **By Bank Wire.** To open an account using the bank wire transfer system, first telephone the Fund at 800-GABELLI (800-422-3554) to obtain a new account number. Then instruct your bank to wire funds to:

State Street Bank and Trust Company
225 Franklin Street, Boston, MA 02110
ABA #011-0000-28 REF DDA #99046187
Re: The Gabelli Utilities Fund
Account # _____
Account of [Registered Owners]

If you are making an initial purchase, you should also complete and mail a subscription order form to the address shown under "By Mail." Note that banks may charge fees for wiring funds, although State Street will not charge you for receiving wire transfers.

Share Price. The Fund sells its shares based on the NAV next determined after the time as of which the Fund receives your completed subscription order form and your payment, subject to an up-front sales charge in the case of Class A Shares. See "Pricing of Fund Shares" for a description of the calculation of the NAV, as described under "Classes of Shares - Class A Shares."

Minimum Investments. Your minimum initial investment must be at least \$1,000 for Class A, Class B, and Class C Shares. See "Retirement Plans/Education Savings Plans" and "Automatic Investment Plan" under "Additional Purchase Information for Class A, Class B, and Class C Shares" regarding minimum investment amounts applicable to such plans.

Your minimum initial investment for Class I Shares must be at least \$500,000. The minimum initial investment for Class I Shares is waived for employee benefit plans with assets of at least \$50 million.

There is no minimum for subsequent investments. Broker-dealers may have different minimum investment requirements.

General. State Street will not issue share certificates unless you request them. The Fund reserves the right to (i) reject any purchase order if, in the opinion of the Fund's management, it is in the Fund's best

interest to do so, (ii) suspend the offering of shares for any period of time, and (iii) waive the Fund's minimum purchase requirements.

Customer Identification Program. Federal law requires the Fund to obtain, verify, and record identifying information, which may include the name, residential or business street address, date of birth (for an individual), social security or taxpayer identification number, or other identifying information, for each investor who opens or reopens an account with the Fund. Applications without the required information may be rejected or placed on hold until the Fund verifies the account holder's identity.

Third Party Arrangements. In addition to, or in lieu of, amounts paid to brokers, dealers, or financial intermediaries as a re-allowance of a portion of the sales commission, the Adviser or an affiliate may, from time to time, at its expense out of its own financial resources (a source of which may be payments under the Fund's distribution plans), make cash payments to some but not all brokers, dealers, or financial intermediaries for shareholder services, as an incentive to sell shares of the Fund, and/or to promote retention of their customers' assets in the Fund. These payments, sometimes referred to as "revenue sharing," do not change the price paid by investors to purchase the Fund's shares or the amount the Fund receives as proceeds from such sales. Revenue sharing payments may be made to brokers, dealers, and other financial intermediaries that provide services to the Fund or to shareholders in the Fund, including (without limitation) shareholder servicing, transaction processing, subaccounting services, marketing support, and/or access to sales meetings, sales representatives, and management representatives of the broker, dealer, or other financial intermediary. Revenue sharing payments may also be made to brokers, dealers, and other financial intermediaries for inclusion of the Fund on a sales list, including a preferred or select sales list, in other sales programs, or as an expense reimbursement in cases where the broker, dealer, or other financial intermediary provides shareholder services to Fund shareholders. These payments may take a variety of forms, including (without limitation) compensation for sales, "trail" fees for shareholder servicing and maintenance of shareholder accounts, and finder's fees that vary depending on the Fund or share class and the dollar amount of shares sold. Revenue sharing payments may be structured: (i) as a percentage of net sales; (ii) as a percentage of net assets; and/or (iii) as a fixed dollar amount.

The Adviser or an applicable affiliate may also provide non-cash compensation to broker/dealer firms or other financial intermediaries, in accordance with applicable rules of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority ("FINRA"), such as the reimbursement of travel, lodging, and meal expenses incurred in connection with attendance at educational and due diligence meetings or seminars by qualified registered representatives of those firms and, in certain cases, their families; meeting fees; certain entertainment; reimbursement for advertising or other promotional expenses; or other permitted expenses as determined in accordance with applicable FINRA rules. In certain cases these other payments could be significant.

The Adviser or an applicable affiliate negotiates the level of payments described above to any particular broker, dealer, or other financial intermediary with each firm. Currently, such payments range from 0.10% to 0.40% per year of the average daily net assets of the Fund attributable to the particular firm depending on the nature and level of services and other factors.

Additional Purchase Information for Class A Shares, Class B Shares, and Class C Shares

Retirement Plans/Education Savings Plans. The Fund makes available IRA, "Roth" IRA, and "Coverdell" Education Savings Plans for investment in Fund shares. Applications may be obtained from the Distributor by calling 800-GABELLI (800-422-3554). Self-employed investors may purchase shares of the Fund through tax-deductible contributions to existing retirement plans for self-employed persons, known as "Keogh" or "H.R.-10" plans. The Fund does not currently act as a sponsor to such plans. Fund shares may also be a suitable investment for other types of qualified pension or profit-sharing plans which are employer sponsored, including deferred compensation or salary reduction plans known as

“401(k) Plans.” The minimum initial investment in all such retirement plans is \$250. There is no minimum for subsequent investments in retirement plans.

Automatic Investment Plan. The Fund offers an automatic monthly investment plan. There is no minimum initial investment for accounts establishing an automatic investment plan. Call the Distributor at 800-GABELLI (800-422-3554) for more details about the plan.

Telephone or Internet Investment Plan. You may purchase additional shares of the Fund by telephone and/or over the Internet if your bank is a member of the Automated Clearing House (“ACH”) system. You must also have a completed, approved Investment Plan application on file with the Fund’s Transfer Agent. There is a minimum of \$100 for each telephone or Internet investment. However, you may split the \$100 minimum between two funds. To initiate an ACH purchase, please call 800-GABELLI (800-422-3554) or 800-872-5365 or visit our website at www.gabelli.com.

REDEMPTION OF SHARES

You can redeem shares of the Fund on any Business Day. The Fund may temporarily stop redeeming its shares when the NYSE is closed or trading on the NYSE is restricted, when an emergency exists and the Fund cannot sell its shares or accurately determine the value of its assets, or if the SEC orders the Fund to suspend redemptions.

The Fund redeems its shares based on the NAV next determined after the time as of which the Fund receives your redemption request in proper form, subject in some cases to a CDSC, as described under “Classes of Shares – Contingent Deferred Sales Charges” or a redemption fee as described below. See “Pricing of Fund Shares” for a description of the calculation of NAV.

You may redeem shares through a broker-dealer or other financial intermediary that has entered into a selling agreement with the Distributor. The broker-dealer or financial intermediary will transmit a redemption order to State Street on your behalf. The redemption request will be effected at the NAV next determined (less any applicable CDSC) after the Fund receives the request in proper form. If you hold share certificates, you must present the certificates endorsed for transfer.

The Fund is intended for long-term investors and not for those who wish to trade frequently in Fund shares. The Fund believes that excessive short-term trading of Fund shares creates risks for the Fund and its long-term shareholders, including interference with efficient portfolio management, increased administrative and brokerage costs, and potential dilution in the value of Fund shares. In addition, because the Fund may invest in foreign securities traded primarily on markets that close prior to the time the Fund determines its NAV, frequent trading by some shareholders may, in certain circumstances, dilute the value of Fund shares held by other shareholders. This may occur when an event that affects the value of the foreign security takes place after the close of the primary foreign market, but before the time that the Fund determines its NAV. Certain investors may seek to take advantage of the fact that there will be a delay in the adjustment of the market price for a security caused by this event until the foreign market reopens (referred to as price arbitrage). If this occurs, frequent traders who attempt this type of price arbitrage may dilute the value of the Fund’s shares to the extent they receive shares or proceeds based upon NAVs that have been calculated using the closing market prices for foreign securities, if those prices have not been adjusted to reflect a change in the fair value of the foreign securities. In an effort to prevent price arbitrage, the Fund has procedures designed to adjust closing market prices of foreign securities before it calculates its NAV when it believes such an event has occurred that will have more than a minimal effect on the NAV. Prices are adjusted to reflect what the Fund believes are the fair values of these foreign securities at the time the Fund determines its NAV (called fair value pricing). Fair value pricing, however, involves judgments that are inherently subjective and inexact, since it is not possible to always be sure when an event will affect a market price and to what extent. As a result, there can be no assurance that fair value pricing will always eliminate the risk of price arbitrage.

In order to discourage frequent short-term trading in Fund shares, the Fund has adopted policies and procedures which impose a 2.00% redemption fee (short-term trading fee) on Class A, Class B, Class C, and Class I Shares that are redeemed or exchanged within seven (7) days or less after the date of a purchase. This fee is calculated based on the shares' aggregate net asset value on the date of redemption and deducted from the redemption proceeds. The redemption fee is not a sales charge; it is retained by the Fund and does not benefit the Fund's Adviser or any other third party. For purposes of computing the redemption fee, shares will be redeemed in reverse order of purchase (the latest shares acquired will be treated as being redeemed first). Redemptions to which the fee applies include redemption of shares resulting from an exchange made pursuant to the Fund's exchange privilege. The redemption fee will not apply to redemptions of shares where (i) the shares were purchased through automatic reinvestment of dividends or other distributions, (ii) the redemption is initiated by the Fund, (iii) the shares were purchased through programs that collect the redemption fees at the program level and remit them to the Fund, or (iv) the shares were purchased through programs that the Adviser determines to have appropriate anti-short-term trading policies in place or as to which the Adviser has received assurances that look-through redemption fee procedures or effective anti-short-term trading policies and procedures are in place. While the Fund has entered into information sharing agreements with financial intermediaries which contractually require such financial intermediaries to provide the Fund with information relating to its customers investing in the Fund through non-disclosed or omnibus accounts, the Fund cannot guarantee the accuracy of the information provided to it from financial intermediaries and may not always be able to track short-term trading effected through these financial intermediaries. In addition, because the Fund is required to rely on information provided by the financial intermediary as to the applicable redemption fee, the Fund cannot guarantee that the financial intermediary is always imposing such fee on the underlying shareholder in accordance with the Fund's policies. Subject to the exclusions discussed above, the Fund seeks to apply these policies uniformly.

Certain financial intermediaries may have procedures which differ from those of the Fund to collect the redemption fees or that prevent or restrict frequent trading. Investors should refer to their intermediary's policies on frequent trading restrictions.

The Fund continues to reserve all rights, including the right to refuse any purchase request (including requests to purchase by exchange) from any person or group who, in the Fund's view, is likely to engage in excessive trading or if such purchase is not in the best interest of the Fund and to limit, delay, or impose other conditions on exchanges or purchases. The Fund has adopted a policy of seeking to minimize short-term trading in its shares and monitors purchase and redemption activities to assist in minimizing short-term trading.

In the event that you wish to redeem shares in a registered account established by a broker/dealer or other financial intermediary and you are unable to contact your broker-dealer or other financial intermediary, you may redeem shares by mail. You may mail a letter requesting the redemption of shares to: **The Gabelli Funds, P.O. Box 8308, Boston, MA 02266-8308**. Your letter should state the name of the Fund and the share class, the dollar amount or number of shares you wish to redeem, and your account number. You must sign the letter in exactly the same way the account is registered. If there is more than one owner of shares, all owners must sign. A signature guarantee is required for each signature on your redemption letter. You can obtain a signature guarantee from financial institutions such as commercial banks, brokers, dealers, and savings associations. A notary public cannot provide a signature guarantee.

Automatic Cash Withdrawal Plan. You may automatically redeem shares on a monthly, quarterly, or annual basis if you have at least \$10,000 in your account and if your account is directly registered with State Street. Call 800-GABELLI (800-422-3554) for more information about this plan.

Involuntary Redemption. The Fund may redeem all shares in your account (other than an IRA) if their value falls below \$1,000 as a result of redemptions (but not as a result of a decline in NAV). You will be notified in writing if the Fund initiates such action and allowed 30 days to increase the value of your account to at least \$1,000.

Reinstatement Privilege. A shareholder in the Fund who has redeemed Class A Shares may reinvest, without a sales charge, up to the full amount of such redemption at the NAV determined at the time of the reinvestment within 45 days of the original redemption. A redemption is a taxable transaction and a gain or loss may be recognized for federal income tax purposes even if the reinstatement privilege is exercised. However, any loss realized upon the redemption will not be recognized as to the number of shares acquired by reinstatement, except through an adjustment in the tax basis of the shares so acquired within 30 days of the redemption.

Redemption Proceeds. A redemption request received by the Fund will be effected based on the NAV next determined after the time as of which the Fund or, if applicable, its authorized designee receives the request. If you request redemption proceeds by check, the Fund will normally mail the check to you within seven days after receipt of your redemption request. If you purchased your Fund shares by check or through the Automatic Investment Plan, you may not receive proceeds from your redemption until the check clears, which may take up to as many as 10 days following purchase. While the Fund will delay the processing of the redemption payment until the check clears, your shares will be valued at the next determined NAV after receipt of your redemption request.

Redemption in Kind. In certain circumstances, the Fund may pay your redemption proceeds wholly or partially in portfolio securities. Where applicable, payment would be made in portfolio securities only in the rare instance that the Fund's Board believes that it would be in the Fund's best interest not to pay redemption proceeds in cash.

EXCHANGE OF SHARES

You can exchange shares of the Fund you hold for shares of the same class of certain other funds managed by the Adviser or its affiliates based on its relative NAV at the time of exchange. You may call your broker to obtain a list of the funds whose shares you may acquire through an exchange. Class B and Class C Shares will continue to age from the date of the original purchase of such shares and will assume the CDSC rate such shares had at the time of exchange. You may also exchange your shares for shares of a money market fund managed by the Adviser or its affiliates, without imposition of any CDSC at the time of exchange. Upon subsequent redemption from such money market fund or the Fund (after re-exchange into the Fund), such shares will be subject to the CDSC calculated by excluding the time such shares were held in a money market fund. The Fund or any of the other funds may impose limitations on, or terminate, the exchange privilege with respect to such fund or any investor at any time. You will be given notice 60 days prior to any material change in the exchange privilege.

In effecting an exchange:

- you must meet the minimum investment requirements for the fund whose shares you wish to purchase through exchange;
- if you are exchanging into a fund with a higher sales charge, you must pay the difference at the time of exchange;
- if you are exchanging from a fund with a redemption fee applicable to the redemption involved in your exchange, you must pay the redemption fee at the time of exchange;
- you may realize a taxable gain or loss;
- you should read the prospectus of the fund whose shares you are purchasing through exchange. Call 800-GABELLI (800-422-3554) or visit our website at www.gabelli.com to obtain the prospectus; and
- you should be aware that brokers may charge a fee for handling an exchange for you.

You may exchange shares by telephone, by mail, over the Internet, or through a registered broker-dealer or other financial intermediary.

- **Exchange by Telephone.** You may give exchange instructions by telephone by calling 800-GABELLI (800-422-3554). You may not exchange shares by telephone if you hold share certificates.

- **Exchange by Mail.** You may send a written request for exchanges to: **The Gabelli Funds, P.O. Box 8308, Boston, MA 02266-8308.** Your letter should state your name, your account number, the dollar amount or number of shares you wish to exchange, the name and class of the fund whose shares you wish to exchange, and the name of the fund(s) whose shares you wish to acquire.
- **Exchange through the Internet.** You may also give exchange instructions via the Internet at www.gabelli.com. You may not exchange shares through the Internet if you hold share certificates. The Fund may impose limitations from time to time on Internet exchanges.

The Fund may modify or terminate the exchange privilege at any time. You will be given notice 60 days prior to any material change in the exchange privilege.

Your broker may charge you a processing fee for assisting you in purchasing or redeeming shares of the Fund. This charge is set by your broker and does not benefit the Fund or the Adviser in any way. It is in addition to the sales charges and other costs described in this Prospectus and must be disclosed to you by your broker.

PRICING OF FUND SHARES

The NAV is calculated separately for each class of shares on each Business Day. A Business Day is any day the NYSE is open for business. The NYSE is open Monday through Friday, but currently is scheduled to be closed on New Year's Day, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Presidents' Day, Good Friday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day and on the preceding Friday or subsequent Monday when a holiday falls on a Saturday or Sunday, respectively.

The Fund's NAV is determined as of the close of regular trading on the NYSE, normally 4:00 p.m., Eastern Time. The Fund's NAV of each class is computed by dividing the value of the Fund's net assets (i.e. the value of its securities and other assets less its liabilities, including expenses payable or accrued but excluding capital stock and surplus) attributable to the applicable class of shares by the total number of shares of such class outstanding at the time the determination is made. The price of Fund shares for the purpose of purchase and redemption orders will be based upon the calculation of NAV next made as of a time after the time as of which the purchase or redemption order is received in proper form.

Portfolio securities for which market quotations are readily available are value at their current market value. Portfolio securities for which market quotations are not readily available are valued at fair value as determined in good faith pursuant to policies and procedures approved by the Fund's Board. Debt securities with remaining maturities of 60 days or less that are not credit impaired are generally valued at their amortized cost. Pursuant to the Fund's pricing procedures, securities for which market quotations are not readily available, and therefore are subject to being fair valued, may include securities that are subject to legal or contractual restrictions on resale, securities for which no or limited trading activity has occurred for a period of time, or securities that are otherwise deemed to be illiquid (i.e., securities that cannot be disposed of within seven days at approximately the price at which the security is currently priced by the Fund). Market prices may also be deemed not to be readily available in circumstances when an event has occurred after the close of the principal foreign market on which a security trades but before the time for determination of the Fund's NAV that has affected, or is likely to affect, more than minimally the NAV of the Fund. Currently, the Fund fair values securities traded primarily on markets that close prior to the time as of which the Fund's NAV is calculated whenever the Fund concludes that occurrences after such closing times may have more than a minimal effect on the value of its portfolio.

When a market price is not readily available, a portfolio security is valued at its fair value, as determined in good faith under procedures established by the Fund's Board. In determining fair value, the Fund's pricing procedures establish a process and methodology to be employed by the Adviser in attempting to ascertain, in good faith, fair value. Fair value is defined as the amount for which securities could be sold in an orderly disposition over a reasonable period of time, taking into account the nature of the security. Fair value pricing, however, involves judgments that are inherently subjective and inexact, since fair valuation procedures are used only when it is not possible to be sure what value should be attributed to a

particular security or when an event will affect the market price of a security and to what extent. As a result, there can be no assurance that fair value pricing will reflect actual market value and it is possible that the fair value determined for a security will be materially different from the value that actually could be or is realized upon the sale of that security. The Fund's Board will review the Adviser's fair value determinations periodically. The values of the Fund's portfolio securities may change on days the Fund is closed and on which you are not able to purchase or sell your shares.

DIVIDENDS AND DISTRIBUTIONS

The Fund intends to pay dividends, if any, monthly, and to distribute, at least annually, substantially all net realized capital gains. You may have dividends or capital gain distributions that are declared by the Fund reinvested automatically at NAV in additional shares of the Fund. You will make an election to receive dividends and distributions in cash or Fund shares at the time you first purchased your shares. You may change this election by notifying the Fund or your broker in writing at any time prior to the record date for a particular dividend or distribution. There are no sales or other charges in connection with the reinvestment of dividends and capital gain distributions. Shares purchased through dividend reinvestment will receive a price without sales charge based on the NAV on the reinvestment date, which is typically the date dividends are paid to shareholders. There is no fixed dividend rate, however the Fund has been distributing \$0.07 per share on a monthly basis. To the extent that distributions are in excess of the Fund's taxable income, the distributions will be treated as a non-taxable return of capital. There can be no assurance that the Fund will pay any dividends or realize any capital gains or other income. Dividends and distributions may differ for different classes of shares. Dividends and distributions are taxable whether paid in cash or reinvested in additional shares. Dividends and distributions may differ for different classes of shares.

TAX INFORMATION

The Fund expects that distributions will consist primarily of investment company taxable income and net capital gains. Dividends out of net investment company taxable income and distributions of net short-term capital gains (*i.e.*, gains from securities held by the Fund for one year or less) are taxable to you as ordinary income if you are a U.S. shareholder, except that qualified dividends are eligible for a reduced rate. Distributions of net long-term capital gains are taxable to you at long-term capital gain rates no matter how long you have owned your shares. The Fund's distributions, whether you receive them in cash or reinvest them in additional shares of the Fund, generally will be subject to federal, state, or local taxes. A redemption of Fund shares or an exchange of the Fund's shares for shares of another fund will be treated for tax purposes as a sale of the Fund's shares, and any gain you realize on such a transaction generally will be taxable. Foreign shareholders may be subject to a federal withholding tax.

A dividend declared by the Fund in October, November, or December and paid during January of the following year may in certain circumstances be treated as paid in December for tax purposes.

This summary of tax consequences is intended for general information only and is subject to change by legislative or administrative action, and any such change may be retroactive. A more complete discussion of the tax rules applicable to you can be found in the SAI that is incorporated by reference into this Prospectus. You should consult a tax adviser concerning the tax consequences of your investment in the Fund.

MAILINGS TO SHAREHOLDERS

In our continuing efforts to reduce duplicative mail and Fund expenses, we currently send a single copy of prospectuses and shareholder reports to your household even if more than one family member in your household owns the same fund or funds described in the prospectus or report. Additional copies of our prospectuses and reports may be obtained by calling 800-GABELLI (800-422-3554). If you do not want us to continue to consolidate your fund mailings and would prefer to receive separate mailings at any time in the future, please call us at the telephone number above and we will resume separate mailings, in accordance with your instructions within 30 days of your request.

The Gabelli Utilities Fund Financial Highlights

The Financial Highlights table is intended to help you understand the financial performance of the Fund for the past five fiscal years or, if less, the life of the Fund's Class A, Class B, Class C and Class I Shares. The total returns in the table represent the return that an investor would have earned or lost on an investment in the designated class of Shares (assuming reinvestment of all distributions). This information has been audited by Ernst & Young LLP, independent registered public accounting firm, whose report, along with the Fund's financial statements and related notes, are included in the Fund's annual report, which is available upon request.

Selected data for a share of beneficial interest outstanding throughout each period:

| Period Ended December 31 of | Income from Investment Operations | | | | | Distributions | | | Ratios to Average Net Assets/ Supplemental Data | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|---|-----------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|--|--------------------------------|---------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|--|--|---------------------------|
| | Net Asset Value, Beginning of Period | Net Investment Income (a) | Net Realized Gain (Loss) on Investments | Total Investment Operations | Net Investment Income | Net Realized Gain on Investments | Return of Capital | Total Distributions | Redemption Fees(a) | Net Asset Value, End of Period | Total Return† | Net Assets End of Period (in 000's) | Net Investment Income | Operating Expenses Net of Reimbursements | Operating Expenses Before Reimbursements | Portfolio Turnover Rate†† |
| Class A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2008 | \$9.12 | \$0.15 | \$(1.97) | \$(1.82) | \$(0.12) | \$(0.02) | \$(0.70) | \$(0.84) | \$0.00(b) | \$6.46 | (20.9)% | \$202,112 | 1.92% | 1.43%(c) | 1.43%(c) | 19% |
| 2007 | 9.19 | 0.16 | 0.61 | 0.77 | (0.13) | (0.27) | (0.44) | (0.84) | (0.00)(b) | 9.12 | 8.7 | 261,468 | 1.78 | 1.42(c) | 1.41 | 19 |
| 2006 | 8.23 | 0.18 | 1.62 | 1.80 | (0.16) | (0.18) | (0.50) | (0.84) | 0.00(b) | 9.19 | 23.0 | 201,124 | 2.02 | 1.44 | 1.44 | 24 |
| 2005 | 8.38 | 0.16 | 0.53 | 0.69 | (0.15) | (0.09) | (0.60) | (0.84) | 0.00(b) | 8.23 | 8.5 | 81,869 | 1.88 | 1.50 | 1.50 | 18 |
| 2004 | 8.06 | 0.19 | 0.97 | 1.16 | (0.11) | (0.01) | (0.72) | (0.84) | 0.00(b) | 8.38 | 15.4 | 10,165 | 2.30 | 1.82 | 1.82(d) | 17 |
| Class B | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2008 | \$8.63 | \$0.09 | \$(1.86) | \$(1.77) | \$(0.12) | \$(0.02) | \$(0.70) | \$(0.84) | \$0.00(b) | \$6.02 | (21.6)% | \$ | 243 | 2.18%(c) | 2.18%(c) | 19% |
| 2007 | 8.80 | 0.09 | 0.58 | 0.67 | (0.13) | (0.27) | (0.44) | (0.84) | (0.00)(b) | 8.63 | 7.9 | 343 | 1.02 | 2.17(c) | 2.16 | 19 |
| 2006 | 7.97 | 0.11 | 1.56 | 1.67 | (0.12) | (0.18) | (0.54) | (0.84) | 0.00(b) | 8.80 | 22.1 | 347 | 1.28 | 2.19 | 2.19 | 24 |
| 2005 | 8.20 | 0.08 | 0.53 | 0.61 | (0.09) | (0.09) | (0.66) | (0.84) | 0.00(b) | 7.97 | 7.6 | 331 | 1.01 | 2.25 | 2.25 | 18 |
| 2004 | 7.96 | 0.08 | 1.00 | 1.08 | (0.08) | (0.01) | (0.75) | (0.84) | 0.00(b) | 8.20 | 14.5 | 333 | 1.08 | 2.57 | 2.57(d) | 17 |
| Class C | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2008 | \$8.67 | \$0.09 | \$(1.86) | \$(1.77) | \$(0.12) | \$(0.02) | \$(0.70) | \$(0.84) | \$0.00(b) | \$6.06 | (21.5)% | \$256,517 | 1.17% | 2.18%(c) | 2.18%(c) | 19% |
| 2007 | 8.84 | 0.09 | 0.58 | 0.67 | (0.13) | (0.27) | (0.44) | (0.84) | (0.00)(b) | 8.67 | 7.8 | 316,009 | 1.04 | 2.17(c) | 2.16 | 19 |
| 2006 | 8.00 | 0.11 | 1.57 | 1.68 | (0.12) | (0.18) | (0.54) | (0.84) | 0.00(b) | 8.84 | 22.1 | 209,691 | 1.27 | 2.19 | 2.19 | 24 |
| 2005 | 8.23 | 0.09 | 0.52 | 0.61 | (0.09) | (0.09) | (0.66) | (0.84) | 0.00(b) | 8.00 | 7.6 | 94,118 | 1.14 | 2.25 | 2.25 | 18 |
| 2004 | 7.98 | 0.11 | 0.98 | 1.09 | (0.06) | (0.01) | (0.77) | (0.84) | 0.00(b) | 8.23 | 14.6 | 10,245 | 1.33 | 2.57 | 2.57(d) | 17 |
| Class I | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2008(e) | \$8.94 | \$0.16 | \$(1.82) | \$(1.66) | \$(0.12) | \$(0.02) | \$(0.70) | \$(0.84) | \$0.00(b) | \$6.44 | (19.6)% | \$ | 7,416 | 2.34%(f) | 1.18%(c)(f) | 19% |

† Total return represents aggregate total return of a hypothetical \$1,000 investment at the beginning of the period and sold at the end of the period including reinvestment of distributions and does not reflect applicable sales charges. Total return for a period of less than a year is not annualized.

†† Effective in 2008, a change in accounting policy was adopted with regard to the calculation of the portfolio turnover rate to include cash proceeds due to mergers. Had this policy been adopted retroactively, the portfolio turnover rate for the years ended December 31, 2007, 2006, 2005, and 2004 would have been 47%, 37%, 33%, and 36%, respectively.

(a) Per share data is calculated using the average shares outstanding method.

(b) Amount represents less than \$0.005 per share.

(c) The ratios do not include a reduction of expenses for custodian fee credits on cash balances maintained with the custodian. Including such custodian fee credits, the expense ratio for the year ended December 31, 2007 would have been 1.41% (Class A) and 2.16% (Class B and Class C). For the year ended December 31, 2008, the effect of custodian fee credits was minimal.

(d) Under an expense deferral agreement with the Adviser, the Fund repaid the Adviser \$66,719 during 2004, representing previously reimbursed expenses from the Adviser. During the year ended December 31, 2004, had such payment not been made, the expense ratio would have been 1.71%, 2.46%, and 2.46% for Class A, Class B, and Class C, respectively.

(e) From the commencement of offering Class I Shares on January 11, 2008 through December 31, 2008.

(f) Annualized.

GABELLI FUNDS AND YOUR PERSONAL PRIVACY

Who are we?

The Gabelli/GAMCO Funds are investment companies registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended. We are managed by Gabelli Funds LLC or Teton Advisors, Inc. (formerly Gabelli Advisers, Inc.) which are affiliated with GAMCO Investors, Inc. GAMCO Investors, Inc. is a publicly held company that has subsidiaries which provide investment advisory or brokerage services for a variety of clients.

What kind of non-public information do we collect about you if you become a Gabelli customer?

If you apply to open an account directly with us, you will be giving us some non-public information about yourself. The non-public information we collect about you is:

- *Information you give us on your application form.* This could include your name, address, telephone number, social security number, bank account number, and other information.
- *Information about your transactions with us, any transactions with our affiliates, and transactions with the entities we hire to provide services to you.* This would include information about the shares that you buy or redeem. If we hire someone else to provide services — like a transfer agent — we will also have information about the transactions you conduct through them.

What information do we disclose and to whom do we disclose it?

We do not disclose any non-public personal information about our customers or former customers to anyone, other than our affiliates, our service providers who need to know such information, and as otherwise permitted by law. If you want to find out what the law permits, you can read the privacy rules adopted by the Securities and Exchange Commission. They are in volume 17 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 248. The Securities and Exchange Commission often posts information about its regulations on its website, www.sec.gov.

What do we do to protect your personal information?

We restrict access to non-public personal information about you to the people who need to know that information in order to provide services to shareholders of the Fund and to ensure that we are complying with the laws governing the securities business. We maintain physical, electronic, and procedural safeguards to keep your personal information confidential.

This is not part of the Prospectus.

The Gabelli Utilities Fund

Class A, B, C, and I Shares

For More Information:

For more information about the Fund, the following documents are available free upon request:

Annual/Semi-annual Reports:

The Fund's semi-annual and audited annual reports to shareholders contain additional information on the Fund's investments. In the Fund's annual report, you will find a discussion of the market conditions and investment strategies that significantly affected the Fund's performance during its last fiscal year.

Statement of Additional Information (SAI):

The SAI provides more detailed information about the Fund, including its operations and investment policies. It is incorporated by reference, and is legally considered a part of this Prospectus.

You can obtain free copies of these documents and prospectuses of other funds in the Gabelli/GAMCO family, or request other information and discuss your questions about the Fund by contacting:

The Gabelli Utilities Fund

One Corporate Center

Rye, NY 10580-1422

Telephone: 800-GABELLI (800-422-3554)

www.gabelli.com

You can also review and/or copy the Fund's prospectuses, annual/semi-annual reports, and SAI at the Public Reference Room of the SEC. You can get text-only copies:

- Free from the Fund's website at www.gabelli.com.
- For a fee, by electronic request at publicinfo@sec.gov, by writing to the Public Reference Section of the SEC, Washington, DC 20549-0104, or by calling 202-551-8090.
- Free from the EDGAR Database on the SEC's website at www.sec.gov.