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GABELLI UTILITY TRUST CONTINUES MONTHLY DISTRIBUTIONS, DECLARING DISTRIBUTIONS OF \$0.05 PER SHARE

Rye, NY -- The Board of Trustees of The Gabelli Utility Trust (NYSE:GUT) (the "Fund") approved the continuation of its policy of paying fixed monthly cash distributions. Upon review of the Fund's income, return, and current market conditions, the Board of Trustees declared cash distributions of \$0.05 per share for each of January, February and March 2012.

The distribution for January 2012 will be payable on January 24, 2012 to common shareholders of record on January 17, 2012.

The distribution for February 2012 will be payable on February 22, 2012 to common shareholders of record on February 14, 2012.

The distribution for March 2012 will be payable on March 23, 2012 to common shareholders of record on March 16, 2012.

The Board of Trustees will continue to review the monthly cash distribution amount for future periods, taking into consideration the Fund's income, return, and current market conditions. The Board of Trustees believes that the premium at which the Fund shares trade relative to net asset value is not likely to be sustainable.

Each quarter, the Board of Trustees reviews the amount of any potential distribution and the income, capital gain, or capital available. The Fund's distribution policy is subject to modification by the Board of Trustees at any time. The Gabelli Utility Trust has paid a distribution to shareholders every month since October 1999.

The distribution rate should not be considered the dividend yield or total return on an investment in the Fund.

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. If the Fund does not generate sufficient

earnings from dividends and interest received and net realized capital gains to satisfy the aggregate distributions paid by the Fund in a given year, then the amount distributed in excess of the Fund's investment income and net realized capital gains would be deemed a return of capital. Since this would be considered a return of a portion of a shareholder's original investment, it is generally not taxable and is treated as a reduction in the shareholder's cost basis. Under federal tax regulations, some or all of the return of capital distributed by the Fund may be taxable as ordinary income in certain circumstances. This may occur when the Fund has a capital loss carry forward, net capital gains are realized in a fiscal year and distributions are made in excess of investment company taxable income.

Long-term capital gains, qualified dividend income, ordinary income, and paid-in capital, if any, will be allocated on a pro-rata basis to all distributions to common shareholders for the year. Based on the accounting records of the Fund as of November 15, 2011, each of the distributions to common shareholders paid in 2011 would include approximately 14% from net investment income, 3% from net capital gains and 83% from paid-in capital. 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 2011 will be made after year end and can vary from the monthly estimates. All shareholders with taxable accounts will receive written notification regarding the components and tax treatment for all 2011 distributions in early 2012 via Form 1099-DIV.

It should be noted that the Fund's total assets include capital from preferred shares issued in prior years. Gabelli Funds, LLC (the "Investment Adviser") does not receive a management fee on the incremental assets attributable to the Fund's outstanding preferred shares unless the total return of the net asset value of the common shares during the year, including distributions and management fee subject to reduction, exceeds the stated dividend rate or corresponding swap rate of each particular series of preferred shares for the fiscal year.

The Gabelli Utility Trust is a non-diversified, closed-end management investment company with \$224 million in total net assets whose primary investment objective is to seek long-term growth of capital and income by investing primarily in utility companies involved in the generation and distribution of electricity, gas, and water. The Investment Adviser is a subsidiary of GAMCO Investors, Inc. (NYSE:GBL), which is a publicly traded NYSE listed company.