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SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT
JUNE 30, 2001

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THE GABELLI UTILITY TRUST

Our cover icon represents the underpinnings of Gabelli. The Teton mountains in Wyoming represent what we believe in in America -- that creativity, ingenuity, hard work and a global uniqueness provide enduring values. They also stand out in an increasingly complex, interconnected and interdependent economic world.

INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE:

The Gabelli Utility Trust is a closed-end, non-diversified management investment company whose primary objectives are long-term growth of capital and income. The Trust will invest in companies that provide products, services or equipment for the generation or distribution of electricity, gas and water. Additionally, the Trust will invest in companies in telecommunications services or infrastructure operations.

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TO OUR SHAREHOLDERS,

The quarter just ended was tough for utility investors. In its quarterly mutual fund review published July 9, 2001, the Wall Street Journal listed the fifty worst performing mutual funds. Nine of the fifty listed were utility funds. (No, we weren't on the list).

The political heat has probably peaked. Energy prices have plunged as the slower U.S. economy has depressed demand and as increased exploration and development have increased supplies. With the forward price curve for natural gas no longer backward-dated but now back in contango, gas injections into storage are surging and natural gas prices are falling rapidly. As this is written, spot natural gas prices are barely above the psychologically important \$3.00 per mcf (thousand cubic feet) level. If natural gas falls below \$3.00 for any appreciable length of time, exploration and development budgets will be

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slashed. Generating capacity is clearly moving from shortage into surplus in many parts of the country, and wholesale prices continue to decline.

Because of regulatory lag, the utilities still have a rough six months or so where they are vulnerable to regulatory action. By next year, however, we should be back to a more benign "business as usual" environment where the utilities can get off of the front pages. On balance this is positive.

INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE

For the second quarter ended June 30, 2001, The Gabelli Utility Trust's (the "Trust") net asset value ("NAV") total return rose 3.06% after adjusting for the reinvestment of the \$0.15 per share in distributions. The Standard & Poor's ("S&P") Utility Index and the Lipper Utility Fund Average declined 5.72% and 3.26%, respectively, over the same period. The S&P Utility Index is an unmanaged indicator of electric and gas utility stock performance, while the Lipper Average reflects the average performance of mutual funds classified in this particular category.

The Trust was up 17.34% for the trailing twelve-month period after adjusting for the reinvestment of the \$1.00 per share in distributions. The S&P Utility Index rose 21.28% while the Lipper Utility Fund Average declined 3.30%, over the same twelve-month period. Since inception on July 9, 1999 through June 30, 2001, the Trust had a cumulative total return of 26.61%, including adjustments of \$1.45 per share in distributions, which equates to an average annual total return of 12.65%.

The Trust's shares of beneficial interest ended the second quarter at \$8.90 per share on the New York Stock Exchange, a premium to the net asset value of 12.23% and a total return of 7.82% for the second quarter. The Trust's shares rose 26.59% for the trailing twelve-month period after adjusting for all distributions.

OUR APPROACH

There are nearly 80 publicly traded investor-owned electric utilities in the U.S., and this is at least 50 more than we need from the standpoint of economic efficiency. The balkanized structure of the industry is inherently inefficient, and competitive forces are now putting pressure on the marginal players. The big companies feel the need to get bigger, and the small companies are selling out as the cost of staying in the game rises. It is only because of a complex and lengthy merger review and approval process that the industry remains as fragmented as it is. Our investments in regulated utility companies have primarily, though not exclusively, focused on fundamentally sound, reasonably priced mid-cap and small-cap utilities that are likely acquisition targets for large utilities seeking to bulk up. We also like the beneficiaries of developing trends. This has led to our ongoing focus on incumbent local telecommunication companies, natural gas pipelines and storage operators, and wholesale electric generators, another group that is in our opinion increasingly ripe for consolidation.

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INVESTMENT RESULTS (a)

AVERAGE ANNUAL RETURNS - JUNE 30, 2001

NAV Average	Average Annual
Annual Return (A)	Investment Return (C)

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1 Year	17.34%	26.59%
Life of Fund (b)	12.65%	15.61%

(a) Life of Fund return based on initial net asset value of \$7.50. Total returns and average annual returns reflect changes in net asset value and reinvestment of distributions and are net of expenses. Of course, the returns noted represent past performance and do not guarantee future results. Investment returns and the principal value of an investment will fluctuate. When shares are sold they may be worth more or less than their original cost.

(b) From commencement of investment operations on July 9, 1999.

(c) Life of Fund return based on initial offering price of \$7.50. Total returns and average annual returns reflect changes in closing market values on the New York Stock Exchange and reinvestment of distributions.

COMMENTARY

In California, the war of words continued through the second quarter, and casualties were inflicted on all sides. The state of California's debt ratings came under pressure as the burden of state wholesale electricity purchases continues to mount. The state signed long term power supply contracts with the wholesale generators and immediately tried to renegotiate them. Wholesale generating companies continue to deny charges of price gouging but are clearly going to have to cough up some combination of refunds and discounts. The Bush administration adamantly opposed wholesale electricity price caps and then pushed the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC") to impose them, which the FERC did. Price caps are apparently a bad idea whose time has come.

Companies and industries that become political footballs are rarely rewarding investments, and utility stocks were among the worst performers in the second quarter. The broad equity market was up, and money was clearly moving out of traditionally defensive sectors into groups that were viewed as being oversold. The weakness that utility stocks would have encountered anyway from sector rotation was exacerbated, in our opinion, by the hot political rhetoric and the threat of regulatory clawbacks.

In our view, the major investment theme for electric, gas and telephone utilities can be summed up in two words: size matters. Electric generators with a large and geographically diverse portfolio of generating plants can trade around their structural long positions to enhance returns while avoiding the risk of asset concentration in a single market that experiences a hiccup, as all markets do from time to time. Electric, gas and telephone distribution companies can spread their substantial fixed costs over a larger base of customers, and see the cost per customer decline, enhancing earnings while reducing prices. The current unsettled market conditions are likely to cause the consolidation activity seen over the past several years to slow for a while, but the underlying economics continue to point to continuing merger and acquisition activity over time. We are in the eye of the hurricane, and the winds are going to blow again once we have waited out the current lull.

LET'S TALK STOCKS

The following are stock specifics on selected holdings of our Trust. Favorable earnings prospects do not necessarily translate into higher stock prices, but they do express a positive trend which we believe will develop over time.

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AGL RESOURCES INC. (ATG - \$23.75 - NYSE) is a regional energy holding company with principal operations in the natural gas distribution business. Headquartered in Atlanta, and serving three southeastern states, AGL Resources has 1.8 million customers. Its recent acquisition of Virginia Natural Gas closed ahead of schedule in just 5 months and is expected to extend the company's successful growth in the fast-growing southeastern region.

CINERGY CORP. (CIN - \$34.95 - NYSE) serves more than 1.4 million electric customers and 478,000 gas customers in Indiana, Ohio and Kentucky. The company owns or operates 21,000 megawatts ("MW's") of generation strategically located in the most active trading "hub" in the U.S. The opportunity to create earnings growth through an Energy Merchant business may be significant, as Cinergy's electricity and gas trading volumes and profits doubled from the previous year.

DTE ENERGY CO. (DTE - \$46.44 - NYSE) is a Detroit-based diversified energy company involved in the development and management of energy-related businesses and services nationwide. DTE Energy's principal operating subsidiaries are Detroit Edison, an electric utility serving 2.1 million customers. The company recently completed the acquisition of MCN Energy, the gas distribution company serving much of southeastern Michigan. The company expects to exceed its initial estimate of cost savings. DTE is also one of the nation's largest purchasers, transporters and marketers of coal.

MAINE PUBLIC SERVICE CO. (MAP - \$28.75 - ASE) transmits and distributes electricity to more than 35,000 retail customers in northern Maine. The company also supplies large commercial users in the production of agricultural and forest products. The electrical system has interconnections with New Brunswick, Canada, allowing support from the New Brunswick system and indirectly from the Hydro-Quebec system. Maine Public Service is the third and smallest investor-owned electric utility in Maine; the other two have been acquired by out-of-state utilities. MAP is a likely acquisition target.

SCANA CORP. (SCG - \$28.40 - NYSE) is the parent company of South Carolina Electric & Gas. It generates and distributes electricity to more than 537,000 South Carolina households and businesses. It provides natural gas to nearly 1.1 million customers in North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia. The company was able to monetize its telecommunications ventures this past spring through Deutsche Telekom's acquisition of VoiceStream Wireless and Powertel. SCANA is a small company surrounded by much larger utilities: Duke and Progress to the north, and Southern Company to the south. Either Progress or Southern would acquire SCANA in a heartbeat if management was willing to sell. Unfortunately, in our view, the company is determined to remain independent for the foreseeable future.

SEMCO ENERGY INC. (SEN - \$15.00 - NYSE) is a diversified energy and infrastructure company distributing gas to over 367,000 customers in Michigan and Alaska. It also has businesses involved in gas engineering services including pipeline construction and natural gas storage in various regions throughout the United States. The company's propane division is one of the largest suppliers in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

SHAREHOLDER MEETING - MAY 14, 2001 -- FINAL RESULTS

The Annual Meeting of Shareholders was held on May 14, 2001 at the Greenwich Public Library in Greenwich, Connecticut. At that meeting, shareholders elected Mario J. Gabelli, Thomas E. Bratter, Felix J. Christiana and Vincent D. Enright as Directors of the Trust. A total of 8,387,377 votes, 8,380,684 votes, 8,372,640 votes and 8,366,339 votes were cast in favor of each Director and 63,980 votes, 70,672 votes, 78,717 votes and 85,018 votes were withheld for each Director, respectively.

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Anthony J. Colavita, James P. Conn, Frank J. Fahrenkopf, Jr., John D. Gabelli, Robert J. Morrissey, Karl Otto Pohl, Anthony R. Pustorino and Salvatore J. Zizza continue to serve in their capacities as Directors of the Trust.

We thank you for your participation and appreciate your continued support.

SPECIAL NOTE

It is with deep sorrow that we report the passing of our valued friend and Director, Felix J. Christiana. The Board of Directors acknowledges with great appreciation the passionate contributions, guidance and friendship given by Mr. Christiana during his association with The Gabelli Utility Trust. The Board of Directors and Officers of the Trust will greatly miss Mr. Christiana.

MONTHLY DISTRIBUTIONS

The Gabelli Utility Trust has a \$.05 per share monthly distribution policy in place. The Trust's monthly distribution has been increased by 20% to \$.06 per share beginning in October 2001.

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In our efforts to bring our shareholders more timely portfolio information, Gabelli Fund's portfolio managers regularly participate in chat sessions at www.gabelli.com as reflected below.

	WHO	WHEN
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Special Chats:	Mario J. Gabelli	First Monday of each month
	Howard Ward	First Tuesday of each month

In addition, every Wednesday will feature a different portfolio manager. The upcoming Wednesday chat schedule is as follows:

	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER
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1st Wednesday	Caesar Bryan	Walter Walsh	Ivan
2nd Wednesday	Ivan Arteaga	Caesar Bryan	Tim O
3rd Wednesday	Linda Caulkin	Hart Woodson	Susan
4th Wednesday	Tim O'Brien	Barbara Marcin	Caesa
5th Wednesday	Barbara Marcin		Barba

All chat sessions start at 4:15 ET. Please arrive early, as participation is limited.

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receive early notice of chat sessions, closing mutual fund prices, news events and media sightings.

Sincerely,
/S/ MARIO J. GABELLI
MARIO J. GABELLI, CFA
Portfolio Manager and Chief Investment Officer

August 8, 2001

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THE GABELLI UTILITY TRUST
PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS
JUNE 30, 2001 (UNAUDITED)

SHARES -----		COST -----	MARKET VALUE -----
	COMMON STOCKS -- 70.5%		
	AGRICULTURE -- 0.1%		
10,600	Cadiz Inc.+	\$ 95,339	\$ 97,626
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	CABLE -- 0.1%		
10,000	NTL Inc.+	184,732	120,500
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	COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT -- 0.6%		
65,000	Furukawa Electric Co. Ltd.	1,062,811	518,580
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	ENERGY AND UTILITIES: ELECTRIC-- 27.6%		
15,742	AES Corp.+	697,838	677,693
85,000	Bangor Hydro-Electric Co.	1,702,158	2,259,300
35,000	Cinergy Corp.	1,009,906	1,223,250
10,000	Cleco Corp.	153,250	227,500
115,000	Conectiv Inc.	2,019,821	2,484,000
35,000	DPL Inc.	682,864	1,013,600
16,219	DTE Energy Co.	713,392	753,210
170,000	El Paso Electric Co.+	1,552,529	2,718,300
20,000	GPU Inc.	605,810	703,000
52,200	Maine Public Service Co.	946,754	1,500,750
250,000	Niagara Mohawk Holdings Inc.+	3,680,499	4,422,500
120,000	Northeast Utilities	2,501,764	2,490,000
1,500	Orion Power Holdings Inc.+	28,106	35,715
57,000	SCANA Corp.	1,455,381	1,618,800
20,000	TECO Energy Inc.	434,125	610,000
25,000	UIL Holdings Corp.	1,096,481	1,214,750
20,000	Unisource Energy Corp.	236,625	459,400
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		19,517,303	24,411,768
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	ENERGY AND UTILITIES: INTEGRATED-- 18.0%		
13,000	Allete	222,463	292,500
40,000	CH Energy Group Inc.	1,481,732	1,758,000
52,000	DQE Inc.	1,403,460	1,170,000
15,000	Edison International	165,700	167,250
7,000	Empire District Electric Co.	138,350	144,830
18,000	Entergy Corp.	505,492	691,020
50,000	Florida Public Utilities Co.	792,675	868,000
30,000	Madison Gas &		

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	Electric Co.	621,679	834,000
25,000	Montana Power Co.	598,189	290,000
52,000	NSTAR	2,222,019	2,213,120
18,000	PG&E Corp.	213,987	201,600
40,000	Progress Energy Inc.	20,800	20,200
5,000	Puget Energy Inc.	117,520	131,000
100,000	RGS Energy Group Inc.	2,704,202	3,750,000
5,000	Sierra Pacific Resources+	68,000	79,950
140,000	Western Resources Inc.	2,460,757	3,010,000
7,000	WPS Resources Corp.	204,319	246,750
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		13,941,344	15,868,220
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SHARES		COST	MARKET VALUE
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	ENERGY AND UTILITIES: NATURAL GAS-- 10.4%		
37,000	AGL Resources Inc.	\$ 678,225	\$ 878,750
1,000	Chesapeake Utilities Corp.	18,495	18,880
34,000	Delta Natural Gas Co. Inc.	570,349	666,400
3,000	Dynegy Inc., Cl. A	49,575	139,500
7,000	National Fuel Gas Co.	356,897	363,930
12,000	Nicor Inc.	434,475	467,760
19,000	Peoples Energy Corp.	665,481	763,800
23,000	Piedmont Natural Gas Co. Inc.	687,398	816,960
110,000	SEMCO Energy Inc.	1,693,345	1,650,000
16,433	Southern Union Co.	281,096	335,233
130,000	Southwest Gas Corp.	3,288,133	3,078,400
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		8,723,469	9,179,613
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	ENERGY AND UTILITIES: WATER -- 5.6%		
8,000	American States Water Co.	266,713	272,000
11,000	Artesian Resources Corp., Cl. A	257,250	296,780
26,000	Birmingham Utilities Inc.	508,991	393,900
20,520	California Water Service Group	566,928	526,338
5,000	Connecticut Water Service Inc.	146,455	172,850
21,200	Middlesex Water Co.	615,486	721,012
45,000	NiSource Inc.+	90,000	106,650
4,100	Pennichuck Corp.	99,335	128,330
35,000	Philadelphia Suburban Corp.	665,982	892,500
15,500	SJW Corp.	1,580,929	1,325,250
5,000	Southwest Water Co.	52,063	72,750
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		4,850,132	4,908,360
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	ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES -- 0.3%		
12,000	Catalytica Energy Systems Inc.+	193,205	260,400
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	SATELLITE -- 0.6%		
25,000	General Motors Corp., Cl. H+	650,411	506,250
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	TELECOMMUNICATIONS -- 5.4%		
6,000	ALLTEL Corp.	324,708	367,560

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12,000	AT&T Canada Inc., Cl. B+	360,683	361,560
30,000	BellSouth Corp.	1,257,320	1,208,100
2,000	British Telecommunications plc, ADR	155,765	129,300
5,000	BroadWing Inc.+	104,505	122,250
52,000	CenturyTel Inc.	1,864,388	1,575,600
20,000	Citizens Communications Co.	234,436	240,600

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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THE GABELLI UTILITY TRUST
PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)
JUNE 30, 2001 (UNAUDITED)

SHARES -----		COST	MARKET VALUE
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	COMMON STOCKS (CONTINUED)		
	TELECOMMUNICATIONS (CONTINUED)		
5,000	Commonwealth Telephone Enterprises Inc.+	\$ 162,505	\$ 211,250
12,000	Conestoga Enterprises Inc.	189,790	354,600
10,000	Deutsche Telekom AG, ADR	203,385	224,500
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		4,857,485	4,795,320
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	TRANSPORTATION -- 1.1%		
15,000	Newport News Shipbuilding Inc.	971,656	918,750
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	WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS -- 0.7%		
35,000	Nextel Communications Inc., Cl. A+	642,454	612,500
2,000	Nextel Partners Inc., Cl. A+	24,276	31,040
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		666,730	643,540
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	TOTAL COMMON STOCKS	55,714,617	62,228,927
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	PREFERRED STOCKS -- 0.8%		
	TELECOMMUNICATIONS -- 0.8%		
14,000	Citizens Communications Co., 5.00% Cv. Pfd.	697,191	700,000
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	PRINCIPAL AMOUNT		
		-----	-----
	CORPORATE BONDS -- 2.3%		
	ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES -- 2.3%		
\$2,050,000	Waste Management Inc., Sub. Deb. Cv. 4.00%, 02/01/02	2,026,502	2,032,063
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	PRINCIPAL AMOUNT	COST	MARKET VALUE

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\$20,000,000	U.S. GOVERNMENT OBLIGATIONS -- 22.5%		
	U.S. Treasury Bills,		
	3.57% to 3.71%+,		
	due 07/19/01 to 09/20/01	\$19,923,180	\$19,923,218
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3,455,000	REPURCHASE AGREEMENT -- 3.9%		
	Agreement with State Street		
	Bank & Trust Co., 3.96%,		
	dated 06/29/01,		
	due 07/02/01, proceeds at		
	maturity \$3,456,140 (a)	3,455,000	3,455,000
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	TOTAL INVESTMENTS -- 100.0%	\$81,816,490	88,339,208
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	OTHER ASSETS AND LIABILITIES (NET)-- (0.0)%		(26,602)

	NET ASSETS -- 100.0%		
	(11,133,129 shares outstanding)		\$88,312,606
			=====
	NET ASSET VALUE		
	(\$88,312,606 [DIVIDE] 11,133,129 shares outstanding)		\$7.93
			=====

	For Federal tax purposes:	
	Aggregate cost	\$81,816,490
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	Gross unrealized appreciation	\$ 8,982,557
	Gross unrealized depreciation	(2,459,839)

	Net unrealized appreciation	\$ 6,522,718
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- (a) Collateralized by U.S. Treasury Note, 7.25%, due 05/15/04, market value \$3,527,513.
 - + Non-income producing security.
 - ++ Represents annualized yield at date of purchase.
 - ADR - American Depositary Receipt.

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

TOP TEN HOLDINGS
JUNE 30, 2001
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Niagara Mohawk Holdings Inc.
RGS Energy Group Inc.
Southwest Gas Corp.
Western Resources Inc.
El Paso Electric Co.

Northeast Utilities
Conectiv Inc.
Bangor Hydro-Electric Co.
NSTAR
Waste Management Inc.

NOTE: The views expressed in this report reflect those of the portfolio manager

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only through the end of the period stated in this report. The manager's views are subject to change at any time based on market and other conditions.

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES JUNE 30, 2001 (UNAUDITED)

ASSETS:	
Investments, at value (Cost \$81,816,490)	\$ 88,339,208
Cash	733
Dividends and interest receivable	278,220
Other assets	4,005

TOTAL ASSETS	88,622,166

LIABILITIES:	
Dividends payable	86,995
Payable for investment advisory fees	72,209
Other accrued expenses	150,356

TOTAL LIABILITIES	309,560

NET ASSETS applicable to 11,133,129 shares outstanding	\$ 88,312,606
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NET ASSETS CONSIST OF:	
Shares of beneficial interest, at par value	\$ 11,133
Additional paid-in capital	76,107,792
Accumulated net realized gain on investments	5,670,991
Net unrealized appreciation on investments	6,522,690

TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$ 88,312,606
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NET ASSET VALUE	
(\$88,312,606 [DIVIDE] 11,133,129 shares outstanding; unlimited number of shares authorized of \$0.001 par value)	\$7.93
	=====

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2001 (UNAUDITED)

INVESTMENT INCOME:	
Dividends	\$ 1,073,826
Interest	545,335

TOTAL INVESTMENT INCOME	1,619,161

EXPENSES:	
Investment advisory fees	430,864
Shareholder communications expenses	126,666
Shareholder services fees	121,002
Directors' fees	25,539
Legal and audit fees	20,734
Custodian fees	16,104
Miscellaneous expenses	45,100

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TOTAL EXPENSES	786,009
LESS: CUSTODIAN FEE CREDIT	(1,262)
NET EXPENSES	784,747
NET INVESTMENT INCOME	834,414
NET REALIZED AND UNREALIZED GAIN (LOSS) ON INVESTMENTS:	
Net realized gain on investments	2,434,044
Net change in unrealized appreciation/ depreciation on investments	(3,039,092)
NET REALIZED AND UNREALIZED LOSS ON INVESTMENTS	(605,048)
NET INCREASE IN NET ASSETS RESULTING FROM OPERATIONS	\$ 229,366

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

	SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2001 (UNAUDITED)
OPERATIONS:	
Net investment income	\$ 834,414
Net realized gain on investments	2,434,044
Net change in unrealized appreciation/depreciation on investments	(3,039,092)
NET INCREASE IN NET ASSETS RESULTING FROM OPERATIONS	229,366
DISTRIBUTIONS TO SHAREHOLDERS:	
Net investment income	(1,837,796)
Net realized gain on investments	(1,503,620)
TOTAL DISTRIBUTIONS TO SHAREHOLDERS	(3,341,416)
TRUST SHARE TRANSACTIONS:	
Net increase in net assets from Utility Trust share transactions	755,462
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS	(2,356,588)
NET ASSETS:	
Beginning of period	90,669,194
End of period (Including undistributed net investment income of \$0 and \$1,003,382, respectively)	\$88,312,606

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED)

1. ORGANIZATION. The Gabelli Utility Trust ("Utility Trust") is a closed-end, non-diversified management investment company organized as a Delaware business trust on February 25, 1999 and registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act"), whose primary objective is long-term growth of capital and income. The Utility Trust had no operations prior to July 9, 1999, other than the sale of 10,000 shares of beneficial interest for \$100,000 to The Gabelli Equity Trust Inc. (the "Equity Trust") at \$10.00 per share. On July 9, 1999, the Utility Trust had a 4 for 3 stock split making the balance of Utility Trust shares held by the Equity Trust as 13,333. On July 9, 1999, the Equity Trust contributed \$79,487,260 in cash and securities in exchange for shares of the Utility Trust, and on the same date distributed such shares to Equity Trust shareholders of record on July 1, 1999 at the rate of one share of the Utility Trust for every ten shares of the Equity Trust. Investment operations commenced on July 9, 1999.

2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES. The preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. Actual results could differ from those estimates. The following is a summary of significant accounting policies followed by the Utility Trust in the preparation of its financial statements.

SECURITY VALUATION. Portfolio securities listed or traded on a nationally recognized securities exchange, quoted by the National Association of Securities Dealers Automated Quotations, Inc. ("Nasdaq") or traded on foreign exchanges are valued at the last sale price on that exchange as of the close of business on the day the securities are being valued (if there were no sales that day, the security is valued at the average of the closing bid and asked prices or, if there were no asked prices quoted on that day, then the security is valued at the closing bid price on that day, except for open short positions, which are valued at the last asked price). All other portfolio securities for which over-the-counter market quotations are readily available are valued at the latest average of the bid and asked prices. If there were no asked prices quoted on that day, then the security is valued at the closing bid price. Portfolio securities traded on more than one national securities exchange or market are valued according to the broadest and most representative market, as determined by Gabelli Funds, LLC (the "Adviser"). Securities and assets for which market quotations are not readily available are valued at their fair value as determined in good faith under procedures established by and under the general supervision of the Board of Directors. Short term debt securities with remaining maturities of 60 days or less are valued at amortized cost, unless the Directors determine such does not reflect the securities' fair value, in which case these securities will be valued at their fair value as determined by the Directors. Debt instruments having a maturity greater than 60 days are valued at the highest bid price obtained from a dealer maintaining an active market in those securities.

REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS. The Utility Trust may enter into repurchase agreements with primary government securities dealers recognized by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, with member banks of the Federal Reserve System or with other brokers or dealers that meet credit guidelines established by the Adviser and reviewed by the Board of Directors. Under the terms of a typical repurchase agreement, the Utility Trust takes possession of an underlying debt obligation subject to an obligation of the seller to repurchase, and the Utility Trust to resell, the obligation at an agreed-upon price and time, thereby determining the yield during the Utility Trust's holding period. The Utility Trust will always receive and maintain securities as collateral whose market value, including accrued interest, will be at least equal to 100% of the dollar amount invested by the Utility Trust in each agreement. The Utility Trust will make payment for such securities only upon physical delivery or upon evidence of

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book entry transfer of the collateral to the account of the custodian. To the extent that any repurchase transaction exceeds one business day, the value of the collateral is marked-to-market on a

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daily basis to maintain the adequacy of the collateral. If the seller defaults and the value of the collateral declines or if bankruptcy proceedings are commenced with respect to the seller of the security, realization of the collateral by the Utility Trust may be delayed or limited.

SECURITIES SOLD SHORT. A short sale involves selling a security which the Utility Trust does not own. The proceeds received for short sales are recorded as liabilities and the Utility Trust records an unrealized gain or loss to the extent of the difference between the proceeds received and the value of the open short position on the day of determination. The Utility Trust records a realized gain or loss when the short position is closed out. By entering into a short sale, the Utility Trust bears the market risk of an unfavorable change in the price of the security sold short. Dividends on short sales are recorded as an expense by the Utility Trust on the ex-dividend date and interest expense is recorded on the accrual basis.

FOREIGN CURRENCY TRANSLATION. The books and records of the Utility Trust are maintained in United States (U.S.) dollars. Foreign currencies, investments and other assets and liabilities are translated into U.S. dollars at the exchange rates prevailing at the end of the period, and purchases and sales of investment securities, income and expenses are translated at the exchange rate prevailing on the respective dates of such transactions. Unrealized gains and losses, which result from changes in foreign exchange rates and/or changes in market prices of securities, have been included in unrealized appreciation/depreciation on investments and foreign currency transactions. Net realized foreign currency gains and losses resulting from changes in exchange rates include foreign currency gains and losses between trade date and settlement date on investment securities transactions, foreign currency transactions and the difference between the amounts of interest and dividends recorded on the books of the Utility Trust and the amounts actually received. The portion of foreign currency gains and losses related to fluctuation in exchange rates between the initial trade date and subsequent sale trade date is included in realized gain/(loss) on investments.

SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS AND INVESTMENT INCOME. Securities transactions are accounted for as of the trade date with realized gain or loss on investments determined by using the identified cost method. Interest income (including amortization of premium and accretion of discount) is recorded as earned. Dividend income is recorded on the ex-dividend date.

DIVIDENDS AND DISTRIBUTIONS TO SHAREHOLDERS. Distributions to shareholders are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Income distributions and capital gain distributions are determined in accordance with income tax regulations which may differ from generally accepted accounting principles. These differences are primarily due to differing treatments of income and gains on various investment securities held by the Utility Trust, timing differences and differing characterization of distributions made by the Utility Trust.

PROVISION FOR INCOME TAXES. The Utility Trust intends to continue to qualify as a regulated investment company under Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. As a result, a Federal income tax provision is

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not required.

Dividends and interest from non-U.S. sources received by the Utility Trust are generally subject to non-U.S. withholding taxes at rates ranging up to 30%. Such withholding taxes may be reduced or eliminated under the terms of applicable U.S. income tax treaties, and the Utility Trust intends to undertake any procedural steps required to claim the benefits of such treaties.

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3. AGREEMENTS AND TRANSACTIONS WITH AFFILIATES. The Utility Trust has entered into an investment advisory agreement (the "Advisory Agreement") with the Adviser which provides that the Utility Trust will pay the Adviser on the first business day of each month a fee for the previous month equal on an annual basis to 1.00% of the value of the Utility Trust's average daily net assets. In accordance with the Advisory Agreement, the Adviser provides a continuous investment program for the Utility Trust's portfolio and oversees the administration of all aspects of the Utility Trust's business and affairs.

During the six months ended June 30, 2001, Gabelli & Company, Inc. and its affiliates received \$38,726 in brokerage commissions as a result of executing agency transactions in portfolio securities on behalf of the Utility Trust.

4. PORTFOLIO SECURITIES. Cost of purchases and proceeds from sales of securities, other than short-term securities, for the six months ended June 30, 2001 aggregated \$17,470,488 and \$21,189,833, respectively.

5. CAPITAL. The Board of Directors of the Utility Trust has authorized the repurchase of its shares on the open market when the shares are trading at a discount of 10% or more (or such other percentage as the Board of Directors may determine from time to time) from the net asset value of the shares. During the six months ended June 30, 2001, the Utility Trust did not repurchase any shares of beneficial interest in the open market.

Transactions in shares of beneficial interest were as follows:

	SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2001		YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2000	
	Shares	Amount	Shares	Amount
Shares issued upon reinvestment of dividends and distributions	93,710	\$755,462	103,573	\$ 83,710
Net increase	93,710	\$755,462	103,573	\$ 83,710

6. INDUSTRY CONCENTRATION. Because the Utility Trust primarily invests in common stocks and other securities of foreign and domestic companies in the utility industry, its portfolio may be subject to greater risk and market fluctuations than a portfolio of securities representing a broad range of investments.

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SELECTED DATA FOR A UTILITY TRUST SHARE OF BENEFICIAL INTEREST OUTSTANDING THROUGHOUT EACH PERIOD:

	SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2001 (UNAUDITED)	YEAR DECEMBER 2000
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OPERATING PERFORMANCE:		
Net asset value, beginning of period	\$ 8.21	\$
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Net investment income	0.21	
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments	(0.19)	
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Total from investment operations	0.02	
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DISTRIBUTIONS TO SHAREHOLDERS:		
Net investment income	(0.17)	(
Net realized gain on investments	(0.13)	(
In excess of net realized gain on investments	--	
	-----	-----
Total distributions	(0.30)	(
	-----	-----
NET ASSET VALUE, END OF PERIOD	\$ 7.93	\$
	=====	=====
Net asset value total return+	0.14%	2
	=====	=====
Market value, end of period	\$ 8.90	\$
	=====	=====
Total investment return++	5.46%	2
	=====	=====
RATIOS TO AVERAGE NET ASSETS AND SUPPLEMENTAL DATA:		
Net assets, end of period (in 000's)	\$88,313	\$90
Ratio of net investment income to average net assets	1.94% (b)	
Ratio of operating expenses to average net assets (d)	1.82% (b)	
Portfolio turnover rate	26%	

+ Based on net asset value per share, adjusted for reinvestment of distributions. Total return for the period of less than one year is not annualized.

++ Based on market value per share, adjusted for reinvestment of distributions. Total return for the period of less than one year is not annualized.

(a) The Gabelli Utility Trust commenced investment operations on July 9, 1999.

(b) Annualized.

(c) During the period ended December 31, 1999, the Utility Trust's sub-administrator voluntarily reimbursed certain expenses. If such reimbursement had not occurred, the annualized ratios of net investment income and operating expenses to average net assets would have been 1.85% and 2.17%, respectively.

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- (d) 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 for the six months ended June 30, 2001 and the year ended December 31, 2000, the expense ratios would be 1.82% and 1.93%, respectively.

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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AUTOMATIC DIVIDEND REINVESTMENT AND VOLUNTARY CASH PURCHASE PLAN

ENROLLMENT IN THE PLAN

It is the policy of The Gabelli Utility Trust ("Utility Trust") to automatically reinvest dividends. As a "registered" shareholder you automatically become a participant in the Utility Trust's Automatic Dividend Reinvestment Plan (the "Plan"). The Plan authorizes the Utility Trust to issue shares to participants upon an income dividend or a capital gains distribution regardless of whether the shares are trading at a discount or a premium to net asset value. All distributions to shareholders whose shares are registered in their own names will be automatically reinvested pursuant to the Plan in additional shares of the Utility Trust. Plan participants may send their stock certificates to State Street Bank and Trust Company ("State Street") to be held in their dividend reinvestment account. Registered shareholders wishing to receive their distribution in cash must submit this request in writing to:

The Gabelli Utility Trust
c/o State Street Bank and Trust Company
P.O. Box 8200
Boston, MA 02266-8200

Shareholders requesting this cash election must include the shareholder's name and address as they appear on the share certificate. Shareholders with additional questions regarding the Plan may contact State Street at 1 (800) 336-6983.

SHAREHOLDERS WISHING TO LIQUIDATE REINVESTED SHARES held at State Street Bank must do so in writing or by telephone. Please submit your request to the above mentioned address or telephone number. Include in your request your name, address and account number. The cost to liquidate shares is \$2.50 per transaction as well as the brokerage commission incurred. Brokerage charges are expected to be less than the usual brokerage charge for such transactions.

If your shares are held in the name of a broker, bank or nominee, you should contact such institution. If such institution is not participating in the Plan, your account will be credited with a cash dividend. In order to participate in the Plan through such institution, it may be necessary for you to have your shares taken out of "street name" and re-registered in your own name. Once registered in your own name your dividends will be automatically reinvested. Certain brokers participate in the Plan. Shareholders holding shares in "street name" at participating institutions will have dividends automatically reinvested. Shareholders wishing a cash dividend at such institution must contact their broker to make this change.

The number of shares of Common Stock distributed to participants in the Plan in lieu of cash dividends is determined in the following manner. Under the Plan, whenever the market price of the Utility Trust's Common Stock is equal to or exceeds net asset value at the time shares are valued for purposes of

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determining the number of shares equivalent to the cash dividends or capital gains distribution, participants are issued shares of Common Stock valued at the greater of (i) the net asset value as most recently determined or (ii) 95% of the then current market price of the Utility Trust's Common Stock. The valuation date is the dividend or distribution payment date or, if that date is not a New York Stock Exchange trading day, the next trading day. If the net asset value of the Common Stock at the time of valuation exceeds the market price of the Common Stock, participants will receive shares from the Utility Trust valued at market price. If the Utility Trust should declare a dividend or capital gains distribution payable only in cash, State Street will buy Common Stock in the open market, or on the New York Stock Exchange or elsewhere, for the participants' accounts, except that State Street will endeavor to terminate purchases in the open market and cause the Utility Trust to issue shares at net asset value if, following the commencement of such purchases, the market value of the Common Stock exceeds the then current net asset value.

The automatic reinvestment of dividends and capital gains distributions will not relieve participants of any income tax which may be payable on such distributions. A participant in the Plan will be treated for Federal income tax purposes as having received, on a dividend payment date, a dividend or distribution in an amount equal to the cash the participant could have received instead of shares.

The Utility Trust reserves the right to amend or terminate the Plan as applied to any voluntary cash payments made and any dividend or distribution paid subsequent to written notice of the change sent to the members of the Plan at least 90 days before the record date for such dividend or distribution. The Plan also may be amended or terminated by State Street on at least 90 days' written notice to participants in the Plan.

VOLUNTARY CASH PURCHASE PLAN

The Voluntary Cash Purchase Plan is yet another vehicle for our shareholders to increase their investment in the Utility Trust. In order to participate in the Voluntary Cash Purchase Plan, shareholders must have their shares registered in their own name.

Participants in the Voluntary Cash Purchase Plan have the option of making additional cash payments to State Street for investments in the Utility Trust's shares at the then current market price. Shareholders may send an amount from \$250 to \$10,000. State Street will use these funds to purchase shares in the open market on or about the 15th of each month. State Street will charge each shareholder who participates \$0.75, plus a pro rata share of the brokerage commissions. Brokerage charges for such purchases are expected to be less than the usual brokerage charge for such transactions. It is suggested that any voluntary cash payments be sent to State Street Bank and Trust Company, P.O. Box 8200, Boston, MA 02266-8200 such that State Street receives such payments approximately 10 days before the 15th of the month. Funds not received at least five days before the investment date shall be held for investment in the following month. A payment may be withdrawn without charge if notice is received by State Street at least 48 hours before such payment is to be invested.

For more information regarding the Dividend Reinvestment Plan and Voluntary Cash Purchase Plan, brochures are available by calling (914) 921-5070 or by writing directly to the Utility Trust.

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Notice is hereby given in accordance with Section 23(c) of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, that the Utility Trust may, from time to time, purchase its shares in the open market when the Utility Trust shares are trading at a discount of 10% or more from the net asset value of the shares.

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