

GABELLI EQUITY TRUST INC  
Form N-23C-2  
August 24, 2012

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC 20549

RULE 23C-2 NOTICE OF INTENTION

TO REDEEM SECURITIES

OF

THE GABELLI EQUITY TRUST INC.

One Corporate Center

Rye, New York 10580-1422

(914) 921-5070

under the

Investment Company Act of 1940

Investment Company Act File No. 811-4700

**(1) Title of the class of securities of The Gabelli Equity Trust Inc. (the Fund ) to be called or redeemed:**

6.20% Series F Cumulative Preferred Stock, par value of \$.001 per share, liquidation preference of \$25.00 per share (the Series F Preferred Stock ).

**(2) Date on which the securities are to be called or redeemed:**

September 26, 2012.

**(3) Applicable provisions of the governing instrument pursuant to which the securities are to be called or redeemed:**

The shares of Series F Preferred Stock are to be redeemed pursuant to Article II, Sections 4(b) and 4(c) of the Fund s Articles Supplementary creating and fixing the rights of the Series F Preferred Stock, the form of which was filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on November 6, 2006 as Exhibit 2(a)(vi) to the Fund s Registration Statement on Form N-2.

**(4) Principal amount or number of shares and the basis upon which the securities to be called or redeemed are to be selected:**

The Fund intends to redeem 2,120,000 shares of its outstanding shares of Series F Preferred Stock. Shareholders of record of the Series F Preferred Stock (the Preferred Shareholders ) will receive \$25.00 per share for each share of Series F Preferred Stock redeemed. The Depository Trust Company will determine the allocations of this partial redemption of the outstanding Series F Preferred Stock by lottery among each participant account, subject to rounding to the nearest whole share, in accordance with the respective number of shares held by each Preferred Shareholder on the record date.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirement of Rule 23c-2 under the Investment Company Act of 1940, the Fund has duly caused this Notice of Intention to Redeem Securities to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, duly authorized in the State of Maryland, on this 24th day of August 2012.

THE GABELLI EQUITY TRUST INC.

By: /s/ Bruce N. Alpert  
Name: Bruce N. Alpert  
Title: President