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UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-A

FOR REGISTRATION OF CERTAIN CLASSES OF SECURITIES PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(b) OR 12(g) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

THE GABELLI UTILITY TRUST

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Declaration of Trust)

Delaware (State of Organization)

13-404-6522 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

One Corporate Center

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Rye, New York 10580-1422

(Address of principal executive offices)

Securities to be registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class

Name of each exchange on which

to be so registered 5.375% Series C Cumulative Preferred Shares each class is to be registered New York Stock Exchange

If this form relates to the registration of a class of securities pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Exchange Act and is effective pursuant to General Instruction A.(c), check the following box. x

If this form relates to the registration of a class of securities pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Exchange Act and is effective pursuant to General Instruction A.(d), check the following box.

Securities Act registration statement file number to which this form relates:

333-203475

Securities to be registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act:

None.

Item 1. Description of Registrant s Securities to be Registered

The sections captioned Summary of the Terms of the Series C Preferred Shares, Description of the Series C Preferred Shares and Special Characteristics and Risks of the Series C Preferred Shares in the Registrant's Prospectus Supplement that was filed pursuant to Rule 497 under the Securities Act of 1933 (File No. 333-203475) on May 26, 2016, is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 2. Exhibits

The following exhibits have been filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission:

- (1) Third Amended and Restated Agreement and Declaration of Trust of Registrant (1)
- (2) Second Amended and Restated By-Laws of Registrant (1)
- (3) Form of Statement of Preferences with respect to the 5.375% Series C Cumulative Preferred Shares (2)
- (1) Incorporated by reference to the Registrant s Registration Statement on Form N-2, File Nos. 333-174333 and 811-09243, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 19, 2011.
- (2) Incorporated by reference to Post-Effective Amendment No. 2 to the Registrant s Registration Statement on Form N-2, File Nos. 333-203475 and 811-09243, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 26, 2016.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereto duly authorized.

THE GABELLI UTILITY TRUST

(Registrant)

Date: May 27, 2016 By: /s/ Andrea Mango

Name: Andrea Mango

Title: Secretary and Vice President