

GABELLI EQUITY TRUST INC  
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**FORM 4**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 GABELLI MARIO J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 GABELLI EQUITY TRUST INC  
 [GAB]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
 11/02/2005

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 Chairman

C/O GABELLI ASSET  
 MANAGEMENT INC, ONE  
 CORPORATE CENTER

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

RYE, NY 10580

(City) (State) (Zip)

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V Amount (A) or (D) Price   |   |  |  |
| Common Stock                    | 11/02/2005                           |  | P                              | 50,000<br>(1) A \$ 7  | 947,963.2733  | D  |  |
| Common Stock                    | 11/02/2005                           |  | P                              | 116,751<br>(1) A \$ 7   | 842,649   | I  | By GGCP Inc. (2)                           |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 37,358  | I  | By Family Partnership (2)                  |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 5) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|
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## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |          |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|----------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer  | Other |
| GABELLI MARIO J<br>C/O GABELLI ASSET MANAGEMENT INC<br>ONE CORPORATE CENTER<br>RYE, NY 10580 | X             |           | Chairman |       |

## Signatures

/s/ James E. McKee as Attorney-in-Fact for Mario J. Gabelli

11/04/2005

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

(1) Represents shares received in the oversubscription in connection with the Issuer's rights offering.

Mr. Gabelli has less than 100% interest in this entity. The securities reported reflect the total amount of securities beneficially owned by this entity, which is greater than Mr. Gabelli's indirect pecuniary interest. Mr. Gabelli hereby disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares by this entity which are in excess of his indirect pecuniary interest.

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