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GABELLI EQUITY TRUST INC Form 3 April 01, 2010 FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549 OMB

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> Â Egan Joseph H		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year)	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol GABELLI EQUITY TRUST INC [GAB]					
(Last) (First)		03/26/2010	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)		
(Street			(Check Director	all applicable) 10% () 	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)		
RYE, NY 1058	30		XOfficer (give title below	Other		_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
(City) (State)) (Zip)	Table I - N	Non-Derivati	ive Securiti	es Bei	neficially Owned		
1.Title of Security (Instr. 4)		2. Amount of Beneficially (Instr. 4)		3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nat Owner (Instr.	-		
Common Stock		300		D	Â			
Reminder: Report on a owned directly or indire	•	ch class of securities benefici	ially SI	EC 1473 (7-02)			
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Table II	Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)							

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of	5. Ownership Form of Derivative	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of	Derivative Security	Security: Direct (D) or Indirect	

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OMB Number:	3235-0104					
Expires:	January 31, 2005					
Estimated average						
burden hours per						
response	0.5					

Shares

(I) (Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Egan Joseph H ONE CORPORATE CENTER RYE, NY 10580	Â	Â	Acting Treasurer	Â		
Signatures						
Joseph H. Egan 04/0	1/2010					
<u>**</u> Signature of I Reporting Person	Date					

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(b)(v).

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