

COHEN & STEERS SELECT UTILITY FUND INC  
Form N-CSR  
February 29, 2008

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM N-CSR**

**CERTIFIED SHAREHOLDER REPORT OF REGISTERED  
MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANIES**

Investment Company Act file number 811-21485

Cohen & Steers Select Utility Fund, Inc.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

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(Address of principal executive offices)

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(Zip code)

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New York, New York 10017  
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Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (212) 832-3232

Date of fiscal year end: December 31

Date of reporting period: December 31, 2007

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**Item 1. Reports to Stockholders.**

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**COHEN & STEERS SELECT UTILITY FUND, INC.**

February 8, 2008

To Our Shareholders:

We are pleased to submit to you our report for the year ended December 31, 2007. The net asset value at that date was \$29.56 per common share. The fund's common stock is traded on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) and its share price can differ from its net asset value; at year end, the fund's closing price on the NYSE was \$27.50. The total return, including income, for the fund and the comparative benchmarks were:

	Six Months Ended December 31, 2007	Year Ended December 31, 2007
Cohen & Steers Select Utility Fund at Market Value <sup>a</sup>	14.15%	25.34%
Cohen & Steers Select Utility Fund at Net Asset Value <sup>a</sup>	7.04%	15.93%
S&P 1500 Utilities Index <sup>b</sup>	8.33%	16.46%
S&P 500 Index <sup>b</sup>	1.37%	5.49%
Blended Benchmark 80% S&P 1500 Utilities Index, 20% Merrill Lynch Fixed Rate Preferred Index <sup>b</sup>	4.16%	10.43%

*The performance data quoted represent past performance. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. The investment return and the principal value of an investment will fluctuate and shares, if sold, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance data quoted. Performance results reflect the effects of leverage, resulting from the issuance of preferred shares.*

A long-term capital gain distribution of \$1.61 per share was declared for shareholders of record on December 26, 2007 and was paid on December 31, 2007.

Three monthly dividends of \$0.185 per common share were declared and will be paid to common shareholders on January 31, 2008, February 29, 2008 and March 31, 2008.<sup>c</sup>

<sup>a</sup> As a closed-end investment company, the price of the fund's New York Stock Exchange-traded shares will be set by market forces and at times may deviate from the net asset value per share of the fund.

<sup>b</sup> S&P 1500 Utilities Index is an unmanaged market capitalization weighted index of 75 companies whose primary business involves the generation, transmission and/or distribution of electricity and/or natural gas. The S&P 500 Index is an unmanaged index of common stocks that is frequently used as a general measure of stock market performance. The Merrill Lynch Fixed Rate Preferred Index is an unmanaged index of preferred securities.

<sup>c</sup> Please note that distributions paid by the fund to shareholders are subject to recharacterization for tax purposes. The final tax treatment of these distributions is reported to shareholders after the close of the calendar year.

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Investment Review

Utilities outperformed the broad U.S. stock market by a wide margin in 2007, registering their fifth consecutive year of double-digit returns as measured by the S&P 1500 Utilities Index. Utilities securities continued to benefit from strong fundamentals – robust demand and tight supply have resulted in high power prices across the country. This has helped the group's earnings growth stay well above its historical average, given that retail demand for electricity and natural gas is relatively inelastic.

Utilities also benefited from their relatively defensive nature. Many segments of the industry operate with regulated pricing, supporting relatively stable revenues and cash flows. This proved to be an attractive feature amid tightening credit markets and concerns over the economy.

Securities of non-regulated utilities performed well as a group. These companies benefit from the opportunity to sell electricity at market prices. While their stocks can be more volatile than regulated utilities, they have been a significant beneficiary of strong energy fundamentals and high wholesale commodity prices over the past few years.

*M&A activity slows, but there were notable deals*

Merger and acquisition activity involving utilities slowed in a year that saw transactions across all industry groups come to a near halt (as liquidity dried up). However, TXU Corp. was acquired by a private equity consortium led by Kohlberg Kravis Roberts in the largest-ever leveraged buyout (LBO) of any type. Announced in February, the deal faced significant completion risk when tighter credit markets made it more challenging for the banks that provided the financing to resell their loans to institutional investors. The \$45 billion deal was nevertheless completed in October. Also in October, Puget Energy announced that it would be acquired by a private consortium that includes Macquarie Infrastructure Partners, at a 25% premium over the previous day's stock price (the takeover has not been completed as of this writing).

*Preferred securities suffer their worst year ever*

The Merrill Lynch Fixed Rate Preferred Securities Index had a total return of -11.3% in 2007. This represented preferreds' poorest yearly performance on record and reflected a surge in issuance. Faced with diminished capital and increased balance-sheet risk, numerous financial institutions sought to recapitalize themselves in the preferred market (driving yields up and prices down) instead of the equity market, where financial shares were trading at several-year lows. At year-end, yields on corporate and REIT preferreds – which together accounted for roughly 20% of the fund – were 7.4% and 8.5%, respectively. By comparison, the 10-year Treasury and corporate bonds, as represented by the Merrill Lynch Corporate Master Index, offered yields of 4.0% and 5.8%, respectively.

*Performance aided by stock selection*

The fund's outperformance of its blended benchmark reflected favorable stock selection. Good performers included the fund's non-U.S. utilities, which have benefited from rising power prices throughout Europe. The

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fund's preferred securities had a collective decline, but outperformed the preferred security market broadly, which we attribute to our emphasis on higher-quality issues.

**Investment Outlook**

In addition to potentially benefiting from having defensive characteristics within a slowing economy (utilities have often outperformed the broader market during periods of economic weakness), utilities in our view could continue to draw support from existing trends. Earnings growth is expected to remain at historically high levels about three times the group's longtime average. This is supported by higher prices for electricity and natural gas, amid continued strong demand, and more importantly, limited supply growth.

We believe that earnings growth will also be driven by new infrastructure investment, as utilities look to replace aging assets and expand existing networks. Regulated utilities, which account for a significant portion of the fund's holdings, earn a defined rate of rate of return on these investments. We believe that two of the most significant infrastructure opportunities are in electricity transmission and natural gas pipelines.

Another long-term investment theme for the fund is potential carbon regulation. We have significant positions in utilities that produce electricity from nuclear and renewable resources such as hydro electric and wind power, as these companies are likely to benefit if and when new carbon-limiting policies are enacted.

Regarding valuations, we believe that utility stocks remain attractive, given their strong projected earnings growth and reasonable valuations modestly above the historical average. While we expect overall market volatility to remain high, we believe utilities offer the potential for attractive total returns over time.

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Sincerely,

MARTIN COHEN

*Co-chairman*

ROBERT H. STEERS

*Co-chairman*

ROBERT S. BECKER

*Portfolio Manager*

WILLIAM F. SCAPELL

*Portfolio Manager*

*The views and opinions in the preceding commentary are as of the date stated and are subject to change. This material represents an assessment of the market environment at a specific point in time, should not be relied upon as investment advice and is not intended to predict or depict performance of any investment.*

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In addition, our Web site contains comprehensive information about our firm, including our most recent press releases, profiles of our senior investment professionals, and an overview of our investment approach.

**COHEN & STEERS SELECT UTILITY FUND, INC.**Our Leverage Strategy  
(Unaudited)

While we do not attempt to predict what future interest rates will be, it has been our philosophy to utilize interest rate swap transactions to seek to reduce the interest rate risk inherent in our utilization of leverage. Our leverage strategy involves issuing auction market preferred shares (AMPS) to raise additional capital for the fund, with an objective of increasing the net income available for shareholders. As of December 31, 2007, AMPS represented 34% of the fund's managed assets. Considering that AMPS have variable dividend rates, we seek to lock in the rate on a significant portion of this additional capital through interest rate swap agreements (where we effectively convert our variable rate obligation to a fixed rate obligation for the term of the swap agreements). Specifically, we have fixed the rate on 44% of our borrowings at an average interest rate of 4.1% for an average remaining period of 1.3 years (when we first entered into the swaps, the average term was 4.6 years). By locking in a significant portion of our leveraging costs, we have endeavored to adequately protect the dividend-paying ability of the fund. The use of leverage increases the volatility of the fund's net asset value in both up and down markets. However, we believe that locking in a portion of the fund's leveraging costs for the term of the swap agreements partially protects the fund from any impact that an increase in short-term interest rates may have as a result of the use of leverage.

Leverage Facts<sup>a</sup>

Leverage (as a % of managed assets)	34%
% Fixed Rate	44%
% Variable Rate	56%
Weighted Average Rate on Swaps	4.1%
Weighted Average Term on Swaps	1.3 years
Current Rate on AMPS <sup>b</sup>	5.7%

<sup>a</sup> Data as of December 31, 2007. Information subject to change.

<sup>b</sup> See Note 5 in Notes to Financial Statements.

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DECEMBER 31, 2007

Top Ten Holdings<sup>a</sup>  
(Unaudited)

Security	Market Value	% of Managed Assets
Exelon Corp.	\$ 126,310,469	6.5%
Entergy Corp.	101,490,408	5.3
Duke Energy Corp.	88,226,162	4.6
FPL Group	79,234,820	4.1
Southern Co.	75,659,375	3.9
Equitable Resources	70,622,640	3.7
E.ON AG (ADR) (Germany)	64,156,903	3.3
Public Service Enterprise Group	63,993,536	3.3
PG&E Corp.	63,816,290	3.3
FirstEnergy Corp.	59,825,180	3.1

<sup>a</sup> Top ten holdings are determined on the basis of the market value of individual securities held. The fund may also hold positions in other types of securities issued by the companies listed above. See the Schedule of Investments for additional details on such other positions.

Sector Breakdown

(Based on Managed Assets)  
(Unaudited)





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December 31, 2007

		Number of Shares	Value
<b>COMMON STOCK</b>	<b>124.4%</b>		
<b>ENERGY</b>	<b>10.1%</b>		
<b>INTEGRATED OIL &amp; GAS</b>	<b>0.7%</b>		
Duncan Energy Partners LP		66,900	\$ 1,460,427
Targa Resources Partners LP		240,000	7,108,800
			8,569,227
<b>OIL &amp; GAS EQUIPMENT &amp; SERVICES</b>	<b>0.3%</b>		
Exterran Partners LP		105,000	3,369,450
<b>OIL &amp; GAS REFINING &amp; MARKETING</b>	<b>0.4%</b>		
Spectra Energy Income Fund (Canada)		283,850	2,588,429
Spectra Energy Income Fund, 144A (Canada) <sup>a</sup>		272,000	2,480,369
			5,068,798
<b>OIL &amp; GAS STORAGE &amp; TRANSPORTATION</b>	<b>8.7%</b>		
DCP Midstream Partners LP		222,000	10,200,900
Energy Transfer Partners LP		169,400	9,127,272
Enterprise Products Partners LP		322,500	10,281,300
Kinder Morgan Energy Partners LP		155,400	8,390,046
Magellan Midstream Partners LP		94,000	4,075,840
SemGroup Energy Partners LP		107,800	3,107,874
Spectra Energy Corp.		1,574,664	40,657,824
Teekay LNG Partners LP		110,400	3,275,568
Teekay Offshore Partners LP		129,000	3,262,410
Williams Partners LP		501,500	19,658,800
			112,037,834
<b>TOTAL ENERGY</b>			<b>129,045,309</b>
<b>INTEGRATED TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES</b>	<b>4.6%</b>		
AT&T		427,000	17,746,120
Citizens Communications Co.		1,165,000	14,830,450
Fairpoint Communications		676,768	8,811,519
Verizon Communications		405,442	17,713,761
			59,101,850

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## SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS (Continued)

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		Number of Shares	Value
<b>UTILITIES</b>	<b>109.7%</b>		
<b>ELECTRIC UTILITIES</b>	<b>69.4%</b>		
American Electric Power Co.		274,400	\$ 12,776,064
Cleco Corp.		246,400	6,849,920
DPL		209,700	6,217,605
Duke Energy Corp.		4,374,128	88,226,162
E.ON AG (ADR) (Germany)		913,916	64,156,903
Edison International		512,300	27,341,451
Electricite de France (France)		305,700	36,417,386
Entergy Corp.		849,150	101,490,408
Exelon Corp.		1,547,164	126,310,469
FirstEnergy Corp.		827,000	59,825,180
Fortum Oyj (Finland)		244,000	10,991,168
FPL Group		1,169,000	79,234,820
ITC Holdings Corp.		290,800	16,406,936
Northeast Utilities		327,500	10,254,025
Pepco Holdings		1,366,200	40,070,646
Pinnacle West Capital Corp.		622,600	26,404,466
PPL Corp.		808,300	42,104,347
Progress Energy		580,750	28,125,722
Scottish and Southern Energy PLC (United Kingdom)		937,930	30,582,178
Southern Co.		1,952,500	75,659,375
			889,445,231
<b>GAS UTILITIES</b>	<b>6.5%</b>		
AGL Resources		162,100	6,101,444
Atmos Energy Corp.		210,500	5,902,420
Equitable Resources		1,325,500	70,622,640
			82,626,504
<b>INDEPENDENT POWER PRODUCERS &amp; ENERGY TRADERS</b>	<b>0.6%</b>		
Constellation Energy Group		81,000	8,304,930

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## SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS (Continued)

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		Number of Shares	Value
<b>MULTI UTILITIES</b>	<b>33.2%</b>		
Ameren Corp. <sup>b</sup>		962,400	\$ 52,171,704
Consolidated Edison		1,022,200	49,934,470
Dominion Resources		755,200	35,834,240
DTE Energy Co.		765,500	33,651,380
NSTAR		346,339	12,544,399
PG&E Corp.		1,481,000	63,816,290
Public Service Enterprise Group		651,400	63,993,536
RWE AG (Germany)		81,479	11,436,134
Sempra Energy		391,411	24,220,513
TECO Energy		317,900	5,471,059
United Utilities PLC (United Kingdom)		840,651	12,650,905
Vectren Corp.		431,067	12,505,254
Xcel Energy		2,062,500	46,550,625
			424,780,509
<b>TOTAL UTILITIES</b>			<b>1,405,157,174</b>
<b>TOTAL COMMON STOCK</b>			
(Identified cost \$1,057,027,239)			1,593,304,333
<b>PREFERRED SECURITIES \$25 PAR VALUE</b>	<b>15.1%</b>		
<b>BANK</b>	<b>1.4%</b>		
Chevy Chase Bank, 8.00%, Series C		145,500	3,702,975
HSBC USA, 6.50%, Series H		100,000	2,201,000
Sovereign Bancorp, 7.30%, Series C		200,000	4,148,000
Sovereign Capital Trust V, 7.75%, due 5/22/36		80,000	1,680,000
Wachovia Capital Trust X, 7.85%, due 12/1/67		99,300	2,497,395
Wachovia Corp., 7.25%, Series A		90,000	2,042,100
Zions Bancorporation, 5.511%, Series A (FRN)		80,000	1,632,000
			17,903,470
<b>BANK FOREIGN</b>	<b>1.0%</b>		
Royal Bank of Scotland Group PLC, 6.35%, Series N		130,700	2,548,650
Royal Bank of Scotland Group PLC, 7.25%, Series T		230,000	5,310,700
Santander Finance Preferred, 6.50%, 144A <sup>a</sup>		80,000	1,670,000
Santander Finance Preferred, 5.661%, Series 6 (FRN)		200,000	3,780,000
			13,309,350

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## SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS (Continued)

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		Number of Shares	Value
<b>ELECTRIC INTEGRATED</b>	<b>0.6%</b>		
Entergy Louisiana LLC, 7.60%, due 4/1/32		172,063	\$ 4,213,823
FPL Group Capital, 7.45%, due 9/1/67, Series E		120,000	3,120,000
			7,333,823
<b>FINANCE INVESTMENT BANKER/BROKER</b>	<b>0.3%</b>		
JP Morgan Chase Capital X, 7.00%, due 2/15/32		135,000	3,186,000
Merrill Lynch & Co., 5.482%, Series 5 (FRN)		56,000	980,000
			4,166,000
<b>GAS DISTRIBUTION</b>	<b>0.2%</b>		
Southern Union Co., 7.55%, Series A		100,000	2,465,000
<b>INSURANCE</b>	<b>1.9%</b>		
<b>MULTI-LINE-FOREIGN</b>	<b>0.8%</b>		
ING Groep N.V., 7.375%		445,500	10,598,445
<b>PROPERTY CASUALTY FOREIGN</b>	<b>0.5%</b>		
ACE Ltd., 7.80%, Series C		170,000	4,063,000
Arch Capital Group Ltd., 8.00%		60,000	1,499,400
			5,562,400
<b>REINSURANCE FOREIGN</b>	<b>0.6%</b>		
Aspen Insurance Holdings Ltd., 7.401%, Series A		100,000	2,185,000
Axis Capital Holdings Ltd., 7.25%, Series A		64,200	1,344,348
Axis Capital Holdings Ltd., 7.50%, Series B (\$100 par value)		40,000	4,156,252
			7,685,600
<b>TOTAL INSURANCE</b>			23,846,445
<b>INTEGRATED TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES</b>	<b>0.3%</b>		
Telephone & Data Systems, 7.60%, due 12/1/41, Series A		121,000	2,519,220
United States Cellular Corp., 7.50%, due 6/15/34		91,177	1,914,717
			4,433,937

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		Number of Shares	Value
<b>MEDIA DIVERSIFIED SERVICES</b>	<b>0.6%</b>		
Comcast Corp., 7.00%, due 9/15/55, Series B		320,856	\$ 7,200,009
<b>REAL ESTATE</b>	<b>8.3%</b>		
<b>DIVERSIFIED</b>	<b>1.3%</b>		
Digital Realty Trust, 8.50%, Series A		56,000	1,260,560
Forest City Enterprises, 7.375%, Class A		80,800	1,825,272
iStar Financial, 7.875%, Series E		300,700	5,935,818
iStar Financial, 7.80%, Series F		120,000	2,310,000
iStar Financial, 7.65%, Series G		125,000	2,300,000
iStar Financial, 7.50%, Series I		113,940	2,096,496
Lexington Corporate Properties Trust, 8.05%, Series B		75,000	1,563,750
			17,291,896
<b>HEALTH CARE</b>	<b>1.5%</b>		
Health Care REIT, 7.875%, Series D		72,550	1,689,690
Health Care REIT, 7.625%, Series F <sup>c</sup>		218,800	4,837,668
LTC Properties, 8.00%, Series F		547,713	12,109,934
			18,637,292
<b>HOTEL</b>	<b>0.5%</b>		
Ashford Hospitality Trust, 8.55%, Series A		156,500	2,934,375
Equity Inns, 8.75%, Series B <sup>d</sup>		44,300	598,050
Host Hotels & Resorts, 8.875%, Series E		100,000	2,510,000
			6,042,425
<b>MORTGAGE</b>	<b>0.1%</b>		
Newcastle Investment Corp., 8.05%, Series C		80,000	1,240,000
<b>OFFICE</b>	<b>2.4%</b>		
Alexandria Real Estate Equities, 8.375%, Series C		508,300	13,342,875
Brandywine Realty Trust, 7.50%, Series C		75,819	1,549,740
Maguire Properties, 7.625%, Series A		175,229	2,442,692
SL Green Realty Corp., 7.625%, Series C		247,000	5,616,780
SL Green Realty Corp., 7.875%, Series D		347,333	7,936,559
			30,888,646

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		Number of Shares	Value
<b>OFFICE/INDUSTRIAL</b>	<b>0.6%</b>		
PS Business Parks, 7.00%, Series H		75,700	\$ 1,483,720
PS Business Parks, 6.875%, Series I		54,950	1,055,040
PS Business Parks, 7.95%, Series K		230,000	5,062,300
			7,601,060
<b>RESIDENTIAL APARTMENT</b>	<b>0.3%</b>		
Apartment Investment & Management Co., 7.75%, Series U		2,300	48,116
Apartment Investment & Management Co., 8.00%, Series V		87,000	1,786,110
Apartment Investment & Management Co., 7.875%, Series Y		93,000	1,862,790
			3,697,016
<b>SELF STORAGE</b>	<b>0.2%</b>		
Public Storage, 6.45%, Series X		150,000	2,820,000
<b>SHOPPING CENTER</b>	<b>1.4%</b>		
<b>COMMUNITY CENTER</b>	<b>1.2%</b>		
Cedar Shopping Centers, 8.875%, Series A		145,000	3,407,500
Developers Diversified Realty Corp., 7.50%, Series I		302,000	6,263,480
Kimco Realty Corp., 7.75%, Series G		160,000	3,657,600
Saul Centers, 8.00%, Series A		67,500	1,667,250
			14,995,830
<b>REGIONAL MALL</b>	<b>0.2%</b>		
CBL & Associates Properties, 7.75%, Series C		126,931	2,792,482
<b>TOTAL SHOPPING CENTER</b>			17,788,312
<b>TOTAL REAL ESTATE</b>			106,006,647
<b>UTILITIES ELECTRIC UTILITIES</b>	<b>0.5%</b>		
Entergy Arkansas, 6.45%		79,000	1,797,250
Entergy Corp., 7.625% (\$50 par value)		40,200	2,884,350
PPL Electric Utilities Corp., 6.25%		100,000	2,468,750
			7,150,350
<b>TOTAL PREFERRED SECURITIES \$25 PAR VALUE</b>			
(Identified cost \$215,773,367)			193,815,031

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## SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS (Continued)

December 31, 2007

		Number of Shares	Value
PREFERRED SECURITIES CAPITAL SECURITIES	7.5%		
AUTO FOREIGN	0.5%		
Porsche International Finance PLC, 7.20%, due 2/28/49		6,000,000	\$ 5,998,500
BANK FOREIGN	0.2%		
Royal Bank of Scotland Group PLC, 7.64%, due 3/31/49		2,250,000	2,317,165
ELECTRIC	0.9%		
MULTI UTILITIES	0.6%		
Dominion Resources, 7.50%, due 6/30/66, Series A		6,000,000	5,941,158
Dominion Resources Capital Trust I, 7.83%, due 12/1/27		2,000,000	2,091,428
			8,032,586
UTILITIES	0.3%		
DPL Capital Trust II, 8.125%, due 9/1/31		3,000,000	3,513,657
TOTAL ELECTRIC			11,546,243
FINANCE	1.6%		
CREDIT CARD	0.2%		
Capital One Capital III, 7.686%, due 8/15/36		3,500,000	2,853,197
DIVERSIFIED FINANCIAL SERVICES	1.2%		
Old Mutual Capital Funding, 8.00%, due 5/29/49, (Eurobond)		13,350,000	13,387,380
Webster Capital Trust IV, 7.65%, due 6/15/37		2,500,000	2,119,090
			15,506,470
INVESTMENT BANKER/BROKER	0.2%		
JP Morgan Chase Capital XVIII, 6.95%, due 8/17/36, Series R		2,000,000	1,905,406
TOTAL FINANCE			20,265,073
FOOD	0.6%		
Dairy Farmers of America, 7.875%, 144A <sup>a,d,e</sup>		52,500	4,685,100
Gruma S.A., 7.75%, due 12/29/49, 144A <sup>a</sup>		3,000,000	2,917,500
			7,602,600
GAS UTILITIES	0.7%		
Southern Union Co., 7.20%, due 11/1/66		9,000,000	8,897,220

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December 31, 2007

		Number of Shares	Value
<b>INSURANCE</b>	1.7%		
<b>FINANCIAL GUARANTEE</b>	0.1%		
Security Capital Assurance Ltd., 6.88%, due 6/30/49, Series A <sup>e</sup>		2,300,000	\$ 966,000
<b>LIFE/HEALTH INSURANCE</b>	0.8%		
Liberty Mutual Group, 7.80%, due 3/15/37, 144A <sup>a</sup>		6,000,000	5,351,250
Liberty Mutual Insurance, 7.697%, due 10/15/97, 144A <sup>a</sup>		6,000,000	5,641,398
			10,992,648
<b>MULTI-LINE</b>	0.8%		
AFC Capital Trust I, 8.207%, due 2/3/27, Series B <sup>d</sup>		7,000,000	6,708,135
Catlin Insurance Co., 7.249%, due 12/1/49, 144A <sup>a</sup>		4,000,000	3,663,056
			10,371,191
<b>TOTAL INSURANCE</b>			22,329,839
<b>OIL &amp; GAS STORAGE &amp; TRANSPORTATION</b>	0.7%		
Enterprise Products Operating LP, 8.375%, due 8/1/66		5,580,000	5,721,715
PPL Capital Funding, 6.70%, due 3/30/67, Series A		4,000,000	3,686,528
			9,408,243
<b>OIL EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION</b>	0.6%		
Pemex Project Funding Master Trust, 7.75%, due 9/28/49		7,000,000	7,078,750
<b>TOTAL PREFERRED SECURITIES CAPITAL SECURITIES</b>			
(Identified cost \$100,421,983)			95,443,633
		Principal Amount	
<b>CORPORATE BONDS</b>	3.4%		
<b>INDEPENDENT POWER PRODUCER</b>	0.2%		
NRG Energy, 7.375%, due 1/15/17		\$ 3,000,000	2,932,500
<b>INTEGRATED TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES</b>	1.4%		
Citizens Communications Co., 7.125%, due 3/15/19		3,000,000	2,865,000
Citizens Communications Co., 9.00%, due 8/15/31		7,550,000	7,568,875
Embarq Corp., 7.995%, due 6/1/36		7,000,000	7,398,188
			17,832,063

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December 31, 2007

		Principal Amount	Value
<b>MEDIA</b>	<b>0.9%</b>		
Cablevision Systems Corp., 8.00%, due 4/15/12		\$ 2,600,000	\$ 2,535,000
Rogers Cable, 8.75%, due 5/1/32		7,000,000	8,822,359
			11,357,359
<b>OIL &amp; GAS REFINING &amp; MARKETING</b>	<b>0.2%</b>		
Williams Partners LP, 7.25%, due 2/1/17		2,500,000	2,587,500
<b>OIL &amp; GAS STORAGE &amp; TRANSPORTATION</b>	<b>0.3%</b>		
Williams Cos. (The), 7.75%, due 6/15/31		3,000,000	3,300,000
<b>PIPELINES</b>	<b>0.2%</b>		
Enbridge Energy Partners LP, 8.05%, due 10/1/37		3,000,000	2,967,825
<b>SPECIAL PURPOSE ENTITY</b>	<b>0.2%</b>		
Valor Telecom Enterprise, 7.75%, due 2/15/15 <sup>d</sup>		2,750,000	2,906,530
<b>TOTAL CORPORATE BONDS</b> (Identified cost \$42,521,394)			43,883,777
<b>COMMERCIAL PAPER</b>	<b>0.9%</b>		
Prudential Funding Corp., 3.15%, due 1/2/08 (Identified cost \$11,757,971)		11,759,000	11,757,971
<b>TOTAL INVESTMENTS (Identified cost \$1,427,501,954)</b>	<b>151.3%</b>		1,938,204,745
<b>LIABILITIES IN EXCESS OF OTHER ASSETS</b>	<b>(0.4)%</b>		(5,468,800)
<b>LIQUIDATION VALUE OF PREFERRED SHARES</b>	<b>(50.9)%</b>		(652,000,000)
<b>NET ASSETS APPLICABLE TO COMMON SHARES (Equivalent to \$29.56 per share based on 43,320,750 shares of common stock outstanding)</b>	<b>100.0%</b>		\$ 1,280,735,945

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December 31, 2007

Glossary of Portfolio Abbreviations

ADR	American Depositary Receipt
FRN	Floating Rate Note
REIT	Real Estate Investment Trust

Note: Percentages indicated are based on the net assets applicable to common shares of the fund.

<sup>a</sup> Resale is restricted to qualified institutional investors. Aggregate holdings equal 2.1% of net assets applicable to common shares.

<sup>b</sup> 60,000 shares segregated as collateral for interest rate swap transactions.

<sup>c</sup> 40,000 shares segregated as collateral for interest rate swap transactions.

<sup>d</sup> Illiquid security. Aggregate holdings equal 1.2% of net assets applicable to common shares.

<sup>e</sup> Fair valued security. Aggregate holdings equal 0.4% of net assets applicable to common shares.

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Interest rate swaps outstanding at December 31, 2007 are as follows:

Counterparty	Notional Amount	Fixed Rate Payable	Floating Rate <sup>a</sup> (rate reset monthly) Receivable	Termination Date	Unrealized Appreciation/ (Depreciation)
Merrill Lynch Derivative Products AG	\$ 40,000,000	3.823%	5.225%	June 1, 2008	\$ 173,591
Merrill Lynch Derivative Products AG	\$ 35,000,000	4.085%	4.865%	May 27, 2009	(122,908)
Merrill Lynch Derivative Products AG	\$ 40,000,000	3.995%	5.250%	July 7, 2009	(82,339)
Royal Bank of Canada	\$ 35,000,000	3.890%	4.965%	May 19, 2008	109,137
Royal Bank of Canada	\$ 30,000,000	4.077%	5.225%	June 1, 2009	(80,269)
UBS AG	\$ 32,500,000	3.977%	5.027%	June 17, 2008	101,319
UBS AG	\$ 20,000,000	5.224%	4.948%	February 20, 2010	(621,035)
UBS AG	\$ 25,000,000	4.550%	5.236%	April 4, 2010	(425,656)
UBS AG	\$ 32,000,000	4.153%	4.865%	May 26, 2010	(286,763)
					\$ (1,234,923)

<sup>a</sup> Based on LIBOR (London Interbank Offered Rate). Represents rates in effect at December 31, 2007.

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## STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

December 31, 2007

<b>ASSETS:</b>	
Investments in securities, at value (Identified cost \$1,427,501,954)	\$ 1,938,204,745
Cash	225,173
Dividends and interest receivable	7,027,280
Receivable for investment securities sold	2,960,882
Unrealized appreciation on interest rate swap transactions	384,047
Other assets	25,704
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>1,948,827,831</b>
<b>LIABILITIES:</b>	
Payable for dividends declared on common shares	11,450,340
Unrealized depreciation on interest rate swap transactions	1,618,970
Payable for dividends declared on preferred shares	1,517,613
Payable for investment management fees	1,105,637
Payable for administration fees	76,485
Payable for directors' fees	4,215
Other liabilities	318,626
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>16,091,886</b>
<b>LIQUIDATION VALUE OF PREFERRED SHARES</b>	<b>652,000,000</b>
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS APPLICABLE TO COMMON SHARES</b>	<b>\$ 1,280,735,945</b>
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS APPLICABLE TO COMMON SHARES consist of:</b>	
Common stock (\$0.001 par value, 43,320,750 shares issued and outstanding)	\$ 772,947,183
Dividends in excess of net investment income	(1,255,118)
Accumulated net realized loss	(423,887)
Net unrealized appreciation	509,467,767
	<b>\$ 1,280,735,945</b>
<b>NET ASSET VALUE PER COMMON SHARE:</b>	
(\$1,280,735,945 ÷ 43,320,750 shares outstanding)	\$ 29.56
<b>MARKET PRICE PER COMMON SHARE</b>	<b>\$ 27.50</b>
<b>MARKET PRICE DISCOUNT TO NET ASSET VALUE PER COMMON SHARE</b>	<b>(6.97)%</b>

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## STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

For the Year Ended December 31, 2007

Investment Income:	
Dividend income (net of \$565,686 of foreign withholding tax)	\$ 70,829,812
Interest income	10,570,147
Total Income	81,399,959
Expenses:	
Investment management fees	16,584,670
Preferred remarketing fees	1,619,693
Administration fees	1,145,887
Professional fees	251,969
Custodian fees and expenses	207,488
Reports to shareholders	175,870
Directors' fees and expenses	54,735
Transfer agent fees and expenses	25,194
Miscellaneous	135,336
Total Expenses	20,200,842
Reduction of Expenses	(3,902,275)
Net Expenses	16,298,567
Net Investment Income	65,101,392
Net Realized and Unrealized Gain (Loss):	
Net realized gain (loss) on:	
Investments	66,121,246
Foreign currency transactions	(67,221)
Interest rate swap transactions	3,383,000
Net realized gain	69,437,025
Net change in unrealized appreciation on:	
Investments	87,277,127
Foreign currency translations	(180)
Interest rate swap transactions	(6,510,549)
Net change in unrealized appreciation	80,766,398
Net realized and unrealized gain	150,203,423
Net Increase in Net Assets Resulting from Operations	215,304,815
Less Dividends and Distributions to Preferred Shareholders	(34,322,822)
Net Increase in Net Assets from Operations Applicable to Common Shares	\$ 180,981,993

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS APPLICABLE TO COMMON SHARES

	For the Year Ended December 31, 2007	For the Year Ended December 31, 2006
Change in Net Assets Applicable to Common Shares:		
From Operations:		
Net investment income	\$ 65,101,392	\$ 65,181,455
Net realized gain	69,437,025	19,771,848
Net change in unrealized appreciation	80,766,398	204,513,391
Net increase in net assets resulting from operations	215,304,815	289,466,694
Less Dividends and Distributions to Preferred Shareholders from:		
Net investment income	(17,393,092)	(21,929,118)
Net realized gain on investments	(16,929,730)	(5,618,078)
Total dividends and distributions to preferred shareholders	(34,322,822)	(27,547,196)
Net increase in net assets from operations applicable to common shares	180,981,993	261,919,498
Less Dividends and Distributions to Common Shareholders from:		
Net investment income	(52,055,999)	(45,703,317)
Net realized gain on investments	(48,184,618)	(11,938,415)
Tax return of capital	(31,237,873)	(9,613,744)
Total dividends and distributions to common shareholders	(131,478,490)	(67,255,476)
Capital Stock Transactions:		
Increase in net assets from preferred share offering cost adjustment		76,625
Decrease in net assets from underwriting commissions and offering expenses from issuance of preferred shares	(1,075,000)	
Increase (decrease) in net assets from preferred share transactions	(1,075,000)	76,625
Total increase in net assets applicable to common shares	48,428,503	194,740,647
Net Assets Applicable to Common Shares:		
Beginning of year	1,232,307,442	1,037,566,795
End of year <sup>a</sup>	\$ 1,280,735,945	\$ 1,232,307,442

<sup>a</sup> Includes dividends in excess of net investment income of \$1,255,118 and \$1,419,237, respectively.

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## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The following table includes selected data for a common share outstanding throughout each period and other performance information derived from the financial statements. It should be read in conjunction with the financial statements and notes thereto.

Per Share Operating Performance:	For the Year Ended December 31,			For the Period
	2007	2006	2005	March 30, 2004 <sup>a</sup> through December 31, 2004
Net asset value per common share, beginning of period	\$ 28.45	\$ 23.95	\$ 22.38	\$ 19.10
Income from investment operations:				
Net investment income	1.61	1.56	1.42 <sup>b</sup>	0.85 <sup>b</sup>
Net realized and unrealized gain on investments	3.35	5.13	1.72	3.36
Total income from investment operations	4.96	6.69	3.14	4.21
Less dividends and distributions to preferred shareholders from:				
Net investment income	(0.40)	(0.51)	(0.37)	(0.12)
Net realized gain on investments	(0.39)	(0.13)	(0.02)	(0.00) <sup>c</sup>
Total dividends and distributions to preferred shareholders	(0.79)	(0.64)	(0.39)	(0.12)
Total from investment operations applicable to common shares	4.17	6.05	2.75	4.09
Less: Offering costs charged to paid-in capital - common shares				(0.04)
Offering costs charged to paid-in capital - preferred shares	(0.02)		(0.02)	(0.14)
Anti-dilutive effect of common share offering				0.05
Preferred share offering cost adjustment		0.00 <sup>c</sup>		
Total costs	(0.02)	0.00	(0.02)	(0.13)
Less dividends and distributions to common shareholders from:				
Net investment income	(1.20)	(1.05)	(1.03)	(0.67)
Net realized gain on investments	(1.12)	(0.28)	(0.04)	(0.01)
Tax return of capital	(0.72)	(0.22)	(0.09)	(0.00) <sup>c</sup>
Total dividends and distributions to common shareholders	(3.04)	(1.55)	(1.16)	(0.68)
Net increase in net asset value per common share	1.11	4.50	1.57	3.28
Net asset value, per common share, end of period	\$ 29.56	\$ 28.45	\$ 23.95	\$ 22.38
Market value, per common share, end of period	\$ 27.50	\$ 24.48	\$ 20.16	\$ 19.82
Net asset value total return <sup>d</sup>	15.93%	27.30%	13.16%	21.57% <sup>e</sup>
Market value return <sup>d</sup>	25.34%	30.13%	7.55%	2.82% <sup>e</sup>

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## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS (Continued)

Ratios/Supplemental Data:	For the Years Ended December 31,			For the Period
	2007	2006	2005	March 30, 2004 <sup>a</sup> through December 31, 2004
Net assets applicable to common shares, end of period (in millions)	\$ 1,280.7	\$ 1,232.3	\$ 1,037.6	\$ 969.4
Ratio of expenses to average daily net assets applicable to common shares (before expense reduction) <sup>f</sup>	1.54%	1.59%	1.55%	1.51% <sup>g</sup>
Ratio of expenses to average daily net assets applicable to common shares (net of expense reduction) <sup>f</sup>	1.24%	1.28%	1.26%	1.22% <sup>g</sup>
Ratio of net investment income to average daily net assets applicable to common shares (before expense reduction) <sup>f</sup>	4.67%	5.60%	5.72%	5.33% <sup>g</sup>
Ratio of net investment income to average daily net assets applicable to common shares (net of expense reduction) <sup>f</sup>	4.97%	5.90%	6.02%	5.62% <sup>g</sup>
Ratio of expenses to average daily managed assets (before expense reduction) <sup>f,h</sup>	1.04%	1.05%	1.05%	1.06% <sup>g</sup>
Ratio of expenses to average daily managed assets (net of expense reduction) <sup>f,h</sup>	0.84%	0.85%	0.85%	0.86% <sup>g</sup>
Portfolio turnover rate	23%	15%	23%	14% <sup>e</sup>
Preferred Shares:				
Liquidation value, end of period (in 000's)	\$ 652,000	\$ 567,000	\$ 567,000	\$ 492,000
Total shares outstanding (in 000's)	26	23	23	20
Asset coverage ratio	296%	317%	283%	297%
Asset coverage per share	\$ 74,108	\$ 79,335	\$ 70,748	\$ 74,259
Liquidation preference per share	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000
Average market value per share <sup>i</sup>	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000

<sup>a</sup> Commencement of operations.

<sup>b</sup> Calculation based on average common shares outstanding.

<sup>c</sup> Amount is less than \$0.005.

<sup>d</sup> Total market value return is computed based upon the New York Stock Exchange market price of the fund's shares and excludes the effects of brokerage commissions. Total net asset value return measures the changes in value over the period indicated, taking into account dividends as reinvested. Dividends and distributions, if any, are assumed for purposes of these calculations, to be reinvested at prices obtained under the fund's dividend reinvestment plan.

<sup>e</sup> Not annualized.

<sup>f</sup> Ratios do not reflect dividend payments to preferred shareholders.

<sup>g</sup> Annualized.

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<sup>h</sup> Average daily managed assets represent net assets applicable to common shares plus liquidation preference of preferred shares.

<sup>i</sup> Based on weekly prices.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Note 1. Significant Accounting Policies

Cohen & Steers Select Utility Fund, Inc. (the fund) was incorporated under the laws of the State of Maryland on January 8, 2004 and is registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, as a nondiversified closed-end management investment company. The fund's investment objective is a high level of after-tax total return.

The following is a summary of significant accounting policies consistently followed by the fund in the preparation of its financial statements. The policies are in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). The preparation of the financial statements in accordance with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of income and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

*Portfolio Valuation:* Investments in securities that are listed on the New York Stock Exchange are valued, except as indicated below, at the last sale price reflected at the close of the New York Stock Exchange on the business day as of which such value is being determined. If there has been no sale on such day, the securities are valued at the mean of the closing bid and asked prices for the day or, if no asked price is available, at the bid price.

Securities not listed on the New York Stock Exchange but listed on other domestic or foreign securities exchanges or admitted to trading on the National Association of Securities Dealers Automated Quotations, Inc. (Nasdaq) national market system are valued in a similar manner. Securities traded on more than one securities exchange are valued at the last sale price on the business day as of which such value is being determined as reflected on the tape at the close of the exchange representing the principal market for such securities.

Readily marketable securities traded in the over-the-counter market, including listed securities whose primary market is believed by Cohen & Steers Capital Management, Inc. (the investment manager) to be over-the-counter, but excluding securities admitted to trading on the Nasdaq National List, are valued at the official closing prices as reported by Nasdaq, the National Quotation Bureau, or such other comparable sources as the Board of Directors deem appropriate to reflect their fair market value. If there has been no sale on such day, the securities are valued at the mean of the closing bid and asked prices for the day, or if no asked price is available, at the bid price. However, certain fixed-income securities may be valued on the basis of prices provided by a pricing service when such prices are believed by the Board of Directors to reflect the fair market value of such securities. Where securities are traded on more than one exchange and also over-the-counter, the securities will generally be valued using the quotations the Board of Directors believes most closely reflect the value of such securities.

Securities for which market prices are unavailable, or securities for which the investment manager determines that bid and/or asked price does not reflect market value, will be valued at fair value pursuant to procedures approved by the fund's Board of Directors. Circumstances in which market prices may be unavailable include, but are not limited to, when trading in a security is suspended, the exchange on which the security is traded is subject to an unscheduled close or disruption or material events occur after the close of the exchange on which the security is

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principally traded. In these circumstances, the fund determines fair value in a manner that fairly reflects the market value of the security on the valuation date based on consideration of any information or factors it deems appropriate. These may include recent transactions in comparable securities, information relating to the specific security and developments in the markets.

The fund's use of fair value pricing may cause the net asset value of fund shares to differ from the net asset value that would be calculated using market quotations. Fair value pricing involves subjective judgments and it is possible that the fair value determined for a security may be materially different than the value that could be realized upon the sale of that security.

Short-term debt securities, which have a maturity date of 60 days or less, are valued at amortized cost, which approximates value.

*Security Transactions and Investment Income:* Security transactions are recorded on trade date. Realized gains and losses on investments sold are recorded on the basis of identified cost. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Discounts are accreted and premiums are amortized over the life of the respective securities. Dividend income is recorded on the ex-dividend date except for certain dividends on foreign securities, which are recorded as soon as the fund is informed after the ex-dividend date. The fund records distributions received in excess of income from underlying investments as a reduction of cost of investments and/or realized gain. Such amounts are based on estimates if actual amounts are not available, and actual amounts of income, realized gain and return of capital may differ from the estimated amounts. The fund adjusts the estimated amounts of the components of distributions (and consequently its net investment income) as an increase to unrealized appreciation/(depreciation) and realized gain/(loss) on investments as necessary once the issuers provide information about the actual composition of the distributions.

*Foreign Currency Translations:* The books and records of the fund are maintained in U.S. dollars as follows: (1) the foreign currency market value of investment securities, other assets and liabilities and foreign currency contracts are translated at the exchange rates prevailing at the end of the period; and (2) purchases, sales, income and expenses are translated at the exchange rates prevailing on the respective dates of such transactions. The resultant exchange gains and losses are recorded as realized and unrealized gain/loss on foreign exchange transactions. Pursuant to U.S. federal income tax regulations, certain foreign exchange gains/losses included in realized and unrealized gain/loss are included in or are a reduction of ordinary income for federal income tax purposes. The fund does not isolate that portion of the results of operations arising as a result of changes in the foreign exchange rates from the changes in the market prices of the securities.

*Foreign Securities:* The fund may directly purchase securities of foreign issuers. Investing in securities of foreign issuers involves special risks not typically associated with investing in securities of U.S. issuers. The risks include possible revaluation of currencies, the ability to repatriate funds, less complete financial information about companies and possible future adverse political and economic developments. Moreover, securities of many

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foreign issuers and their markets may be less liquid and their prices more volatile than those of securities of comparable U.S. issuers.

*Interest Rate Swaps:* The fund uses interest rate swaps in connection with the sale of preferred shares. The interest rate swaps are intended to reduce the risk that an increase in short-term interest rates could have on the performance of the fund's common shares as a result of the floating rate structure of the preferred shares. In these interest rate swaps, the fund agrees to pay the other party to the interest rate swap (which is known as the counterparty) a fixed rate payment in exchange for the counterparty agreeing to pay the fund a variable rate payment that is intended to approximate the fund's variable rate payment obligation on the preferred shares. The payment obligation is based on the notional amount of the swap. Depending on the state of interest rates in general, the use of interest rate swaps could enhance or harm the overall performance of the common shares. The market value of interest rate swaps is based on pricing models that consider the time value of money, volatility, the current market and contractual prices of the underlying financial instrument. Unrealized appreciation is reported as an asset and unrealized depreciation is reported as a liability on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities. The change in value of swaps, including the accrual of periodic amounts of interest to be paid or received on swaps, is reported as unrealized appreciation or depreciation in the Statement of Operations. A realized gain or loss is recorded upon payment or receipt of a periodic payment or termination of swap agreements. Swap agreements involve, to varying degrees, elements of market and counterparty risk, and exposure to loss in excess of the related amounts reflected in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

*Dividends and Distributions to Shareholders:* Dividends from net investment income and capital gain distributions are determined in accordance with U.S. federal income tax regulations, which may differ from GAAP. Dividends from net investment income are declared and paid monthly. Net realized capital gains, unless offset by any available capital loss carryforward, are typically distributed to shareholders at least annually. Dividends and distributions to shareholders are recorded on the ex-dividend date and are automatically reinvested in full and fractional shares of the fund unless the shareholder has elected to have them paid in cash.

Distributions paid by the fund are subject to recharacterization for tax purposes. Based upon the results of operations for the year ended December 31, 2007, a portion of the dividends have been reclassified to return of capital and distributions of net realized capital gains.

Series M7, Series T7, Series T7-2, Series W7, Series TH7 and Series F7 preferred shares pay dividends based on a variable interest rate set at auctions, normally held every seven days. The dividends are declared and recorded for the subsequent seven day period on the auction date. In most instances, dividends are payable every seven days, on the first business day following the end of the dividend period.

Series T28 and Series TH28 preferred shares pay dividends based on a variable interest rate set at auctions, normally held every 28 days. The dividends are declared and recorded for the subsequent 28 day period on the auction date. In most instances, dividends are payable every 28 days, on the first business day following the end of the dividend period.



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*Income Taxes:* It is the policy of the fund to continue to qualify as a regulated investment company, if such qualification is in the best interest of the shareholders, by complying with the requirements of Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code applicable to regulated investment companies, and by distributing substantially all of its taxable earnings to its shareholders. Accordingly, no provision for federal income or excise tax is necessary.

Note 2. Investment Management Fees, Administration Fees and Other Transactions with Affiliates

*Investment Management Fees:* The investment manager serves as the fund's investment manager pursuant to an investment management agreement (the management agreement). Under the terms of the management agreement, the investment manager provides the fund with day-to-day investment decisions and generally manages the fund's investments in accordance with the stated policies of the fund, subject to the supervision of the Board of Directors.

For the services under the management agreement, the fund pays the investment manager a management fee, accrued daily and paid monthly, at an annual rate of 0.85% of the fund's average daily managed asset value. Managed asset value is the net asset value of the common shares plus the liquidation preference of the preferred shares.

The investment manager has contractually agreed to waive its investment management fee in the amount of 0.20% of average daily managed asset value for the first five years of the fund's operations, 0.15% of average daily managed asset value in year six, 0.10% of average daily managed asset value in year seven and 0.05% of average daily managed asset value in year eight. During the year ended December 31, 2007, the investment manager waived its fee at the annual rate of 0.20%.

*Administration Fees:* The fund has entered into an administration agreement with the investment manager under which the investment manager performs certain administrative functions for the fund and receives a fee, accrued daily and paid monthly, at the annual rate of 0.06% of the fund's average daily managed assets up to \$1 billion, 0.04% of the fund's average daily managed assets in excess of \$1 billion up to \$1.5 billion and 0.02% of the fund's average daily managed assets in excess of \$1.5 billion. For the year ended December 31, 2007, the fund incurred \$890,228 in administration fees. Additionally, the fund has retained State Street Bank and Trust Company as sub-administrator under a fund accounting and administration agreement.

*Directors' and Officers' Fees:* Certain directors and officers of the fund are also directors, officers, and/or employees of the investment manager. The fund does not pay compensation to any affiliated directors and officers except for the Chief Compliance Officer, who received \$12,920 from the fund for the year ended December 31, 2007.

Note 3. Purchases and Sales of Securities

Purchases and sales of securities, excluding short-term investments, for the year ended December 31, 2007, totaled \$439,126,370 and \$439,897,804, respectively.

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## Note 4. Income Tax Information

The tax character of dividends and distributions paid was as follows:

	For the Year Ended December 31,	
	2007	2006
Ordinary income	\$ 69,449,091	\$ 71,463,267
Long-term capital gains	65,114,348	13,725,661
Tax return of capital	31,237,873	9,613,744
Total dividends and distributions	\$ 165,801,312	\$ 94,802,672

As of December 31, 2007, the tax-basis components of accumulated earnings and the federal tax cost were as follows:

Gross unrealized appreciation	\$ 833,891,054
Gross unrealized depreciation	(322,473,075)
Net unrealized appreciation	\$ 511,417,979
Cost for federal income tax purposes	\$ 1,426,786,766

As of December 31, 2007, the fund had temporary book/tax differences primarily attributable to timing differences on dividends and adjustments for holdings in partnerships and permanent book/tax differences primarily attributable to differing treatment on interest rate swaps and adjustments for holdings in partnerships. To reflect reclassifications arising from the permanent differences, paid-in capital was charged \$35,692, accumulated net realized gain was charged \$4,476,126 and accumulated net investment income was credited \$4,511,818.

## Note 5. Capital Stock

The fund is authorized to issue 100 million shares of common stock at a par value of \$0.001 per share.

During the year ended December 31, 2007 and the year ended December 31, 2006, the fund issued no shares of common stock for the reinvestment of dividends.

The fund's articles of incorporation authorize the issuance of fund preferred shares, par value \$0.001 per share, in one or more classes or series, with rights as determined by the Board of Directors, by action of the Board of Directors without the approval of the common shareholders.

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On February 14, 2007, the fund issued 3,400 auction market preferred shares, Series T7-2 (par value \$0.001). Proceeds paid to the fund amounted to \$83,925,000 after deduction of underwriting commissions and offering expenses of \$1,075,000. This issue has received a "AAA/Aaa" rating from Standard & Poor's and Moody's.

During the year ended December 31, 2006, an adjustment of \$76,625 was credited to common stock for differences between estimated and actual preferred offering costs.

Preferred shares are senior to the fund's common shares and will rank on a parity with shares of any other series of preferred shares, and with shares of any other series of preferred stock of the fund, as to the payment of dividends and the distribution of assets upon liquidation. If the fund does not timely cure a failure to (1) maintain a discounted value of its portfolio equal to the preferred shares basic maintenance amount, (2) maintain the 1940 Act preferred shares asset coverage, or (3) file a required certificate related to asset coverage on time, the preferred shares will be subject to a mandatory redemption at the redemption price of \$25,000 per share plus an amount equal to accumulated but unpaid dividends thereon to the date fixed for redemption. To the extent permitted under the 1940 Act and Maryland Law, the fund at its option may without consent of the holders of preferred shares, redeem preferred shares having a dividend period of one year or less, in whole, or in part, on the business day after the last day of such dividend period upon not less than 15 calendar days and not more than 40 calendar days prior to notice. The optional redemption price is \$25,000 per share plus an amount equal to accumulated but unpaid dividends thereon to the date fixed for redemption.

The fund's common shares and preferred shares have equal voting rights of one vote per share and vote together as a single class, except in certain circumstances regarding the election of directors. In addition, the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority, as defined in the 1940 Act, of the outstanding preferred shares shall be required to (1) approve any plan of reorganization that would adversely affect the preferred shares and (2) approve any matter that materially and adversely affects the rights, preferences, or powers of that series.

The following table reflects the preferred shares issued and outstanding as of December 31, 2007 along with the range of dividend rates paid during the year ended December 31, 2007:

	Value	Range
Auction market preferred shares, Series M7, (\$25,000 liquidation value, \$0.001 par value, 3,400 shares issued and outstanding)	\$ 85,000,000	4.70%-6.35%
Auction market preferred shares, Series T7, (\$25,000 liquidation value, \$0.001 par value, 3,400 shares issued and outstanding)	\$ 85,000,000	4.70%-6.40%
Auction market preferred shares, Series T7-2, (\$25,000 liquidation value, \$0.001 par value, 3,400 shares issued and outstanding)	\$ 85,000,000	4.70%-6.50%

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	Value	Range
Auction market preferred shares, Series T28, (\$25,000 liquidation value, \$0.001 par value, 2,680 shares issued and outstanding)	\$ 67,000,000	5.00%-6.75%
Auction market preferred shares, Series W7, (\$25,000 liquidation value, \$0.001 par value, 3,400 shares issued and outstanding)	\$ 85,000,000	4.50%-6.50%
Auction market preferred shares, Series TH7, (\$25,000 liquidation value, \$0.001 par value, 3,000 shares issued and outstanding)	\$ 75,000,000	4.75%-6.30%
Auction market preferred shares, Series TH28, (\$25,000 liquidation value, \$0.001 par value, 3,400 shares issued and outstanding)	\$ 85,000,000	5.10%-6.35%
Auction market preferred shares, Series F7, (\$25,000 liquidation value, \$0.001 par value, 3,400 shares issued and outstanding)	\$ 85,000,000	4.75%-6.35%
	\$ 652,000,000	

The Articles Supplementary (the "Articles") creating each series of Auction Market Preferred Shares ("AMPS") provide for dividends to be paid at either the rate set in the current auction, or at the maximum rate as defined in the Articles if sufficient clearing bids for the AMPS are not received in the current auction. Beginning on February 13, 2008, sufficient clearing bids were not received for a number of auctions for certain AMPS series of the fund, and therefore, the maximum rates were declared on the respective AMPS series. Based upon the current ratings of the AMPS, the maximum rate for shares of a series will be the greater of 125% of LIBOR or 125 basis points plus LIBOR. For February 13 and 14, 2008, the maximum annualized rates on the AMPS ranged from 4.365% to 4.376%.

An existing owner of AMPS may sell, transfer or dispose of AMPS only in an auction, pursuant to a bid or sell order in accordance with the auction procedures, or outside an auction, to or through a broker-dealer. Existing holders will be able to sell all of the AMPS that are the subject of their submitted sell orders only if there are bidders willing to purchase those AMPS in the auction. An auction fails when there is an insufficient number of bidders. A failed auction is not a default. Dividends continue to be paid on the AMPS at the maximum rate rather than an auction rate. Broker-dealers, which have been appointed by the fund to serve as dealers for the auctions, may submit a bid in an auction to avoid an auction failure, but are not obligated to do so. Recently, due to liquidity concerns in the market, some broker-dealers have either reduced their demand or decided not to submit bids to purchase AMPS.

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The AMPS continue to be rated Aaa by Moody's Investor Services and AAA by Standard & Poor's. In addition, the fund continues to meet certain specified asset coverage tests required by the rating agencies as well as the 200% asset coverage test with respect to AMPS set forth in the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended.

Note 6. Other

In the normal course of business, the fund enters into contracts that provide general indemnifications. The fund's maximum exposure under these arrangements is dependent on claims that may be made against the fund in the future and, therefore, cannot be estimated; however, based on experience, the risk of material loss from such claims is considered remote.

Note 7. New Accounting Pronouncements

In July 2006, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued Interpretation 48, Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes an interpretation of FASB Statement 109 (FIN 48). FIN 48 clarifies the accounting for income taxes by prescribing the minimum recognition threshold a tax position must meet before being recognized in the financial statements. FIN 48 is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2006. An assessment of the fund's tax positions has been made and it has been determined that there is no impact to the fund's financial statements.

In September 2006, Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 157, Fair Value Measurements (SFAS 157), was issued and is effective for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2007. SFAS 157 defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value and expands disclosures about fair value measurements. Management has evaluated the impact of SFAS 157 and it is not expected to have a material impact on the fund's net assets or results of operations.



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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Board of Directors and Shareholders of  
Cohen & Steers Select Utility Fund, Inc.

In our opinion, the accompanying statement of assets and liabilities, including the schedule of investments, and the related statements of operations and of changes in net assets and the financial highlights present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Cohen & Steers Select Utility Fund, Inc. (the "Fund") at December 31, 2007, the results of its operations for the year then ended, the changes in its net assets for each of the two years in the period then ended and the financial highlights for each of the periods presented, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. These financial statements and financial highlights (hereafter referred to as "financial statements") are the responsibility of the Fund's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits of these financial statements in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits, which included confirmation of securities at December 31, 2007 by correspondence with the custodian and brokers, provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP  
New York, New York  
February 15, 2008

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AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS

(periods ended December 31, 2007) (Unaudited)

Based on Net Asset Value		Based on Market Value	
One Year	Since Inception (3/30/04)	One Year	Since Inception (3/30/04)
15.93%	20.76%	25.34%	17.02%

*The performance data quoted represent past performance. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. The investment return will vary and the principal value of an investment will fluctuate and shares, if sold, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance data quoted. Performance results reflect the effect of leverage resulting from the issuance of preferred shares.*

TAX INFORMATION 2007 (Unaudited)

Pursuant to the Jobs and Growth Relief Reconciliation Act of 2003, the fund designates qualified dividend income of \$57,919,569. Additionally, 73.5% of the ordinary dividends qualified for the dividends received deduction available to corporations. Also, the fund designates a long-term capital gain distribution of \$65,114,348 at the 15% rate or maximum allowable.

REINVESTMENT PLAN

The fund has a dividend reinvestment plan (the "Plan") commonly referred to as an "opt-out" plan. Each common shareholder who participates in the Plan will have all distributions of dividends and capital gains automatically reinvested in additional common shares by The Bank of New York as agent (the "Plan Agent"). Shareholders who elect not to participate in the plan will receive all distributions in cash paid by check mailed directly to the shareholder of record (or if the shares are held in street or other nominee name, then to the nominee) by the Plan Agent, as dividend disbursing agent. Shareholders whose common shares are held in the name of a broker or nominee should contact the broker or nominee to determine whether and how they may participate in the Plan.

The Plan Agent serves as agent for the shareholders in administering the plan. After the fund declares a dividend or makes a capital gain distribution, the plan agent will, as agent for the shareholders, either (i) receive the cash payment and use it to buy common shares in the open market, on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) or elsewhere, for the participants' accounts or (ii) distribute newly issued common shares of the Fund on behalf of the participants. The Plan Agent will receive cash from the fund with which to buy common shares in the open market if, on the distribution payment date, the net asset value per share exceeds the market price per share plus estimated brokerage commissions on that date. The Plan Agent will receive the dividend or distribution in newly issued common shares of the fund if, on the payment date, the market price per share plus estimated brokerage commissions equals or exceeds the net asset value per share of the fund on that date. The number of shares to be



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issued will be computed at a per share rate equal to the greater of (i) the net asset value or (ii) 95% of the closing market price per share on the payment date.

Participants in the Plan may withdraw from the plan upon notice to the Plan Agent. Such withdrawal will be effective immediately if received not less than ten days prior to a distribution record date; otherwise, it will be effective for all subsequent distributions. When a participant withdraws from the Plan or upon termination of the Plan as provided below, certificates for whole common shares credited to his or her account under the Plan will be issued and a cash payment will be made for any fraction of a common share credited to such account. If any participant elects to have the Plan Agent sell all or part of his or her shares and remit the proceeds, the Plan Agent is authorized to deduct a \$15.00 fee plus \$0.10 per share brokerage commissions.

The Plan Agent's fees for the handling of reinvestment of distributions will be paid by the fund. However, each participant will pay a pro rata share of brokerage commissions incurred with respect to the Plan Agent's open market purchases in connection with the reinvestment of distributions. The automatic reinvestment of distributions will not relieve participants of any income tax that may be payable or required to be withheld on such distributions.

The fund reserves the right to amend or terminate the Plan. All correspondence concerning the plan should be directed to the Plan Agent at 800-432-8224.

**OTHER INFORMATION**

Notice is hereby given in accordance with Section 23(c) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 that the fund may purchase, from time to time, shares of its common stock in the open market.

A description of the policies and procedures that the fund uses to determine how to vote proxies relating to portfolio securities is available (i) without charge, upon request, by calling 800-330-7348, (ii) on our Web site at [cohenandsteers.com](http://cohenandsteers.com) or (iii) on the Securities and Exchange Commission's Web site at <http://www.sec.gov>. In addition, the fund's proxy voting record for the most recent 12-month period ended June 30 is available (i) without charge, upon request, by calling 800-330-7348 or (ii) on the SEC's Web site at <http://www.sec.gov>.

The fund files its complete schedule of portfolio holdings with the SEC for the first and third quarters of each fiscal year on Form N-Q. The fund's Forms N-Q are available (i) without charge, upon request by calling 800-330-7348, or (ii) on the SEC's Web site at <http://www.sec.gov>. In addition, the Forms N-Q may be reviewed and copied at the SEC's Public Reference Room in Washington, DC. Information on the operation of the Public Reference Room may be obtained by calling 800-SEC-0330.

As required, the fund has submitted to the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE") the annual certification of the fund's chief executive officer certifying as to compliance with of the NYSE's Corporate Governance listing standards. The fund also has included the certifications of the fund's chief executive officer and chief financial officer required by Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 as exhibits to its most recent Form N-CSR.

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Please note that the distributions paid by the fund to shareholders are subject to recharacterization for tax purposes. The fund may also pay distributions in excess of the fund's net investment company taxable income and this excess would be a tax-free return of capital distributed from the fund's assets. To the extent this occurs, the fund's shareholders of record will be notified of the estimated amount of capital returned to shareholders for each such distribution and this information will also be available at [cohenandsteers.com](http://cohenandsteers.com). The final tax treatment of all distributions is reported to shareholders on their 1099-DIV forms, which are mailed after the close of each calendar year. Distributions of capital decrease the fund's total assets and, therefore, could have the effect of increasing the fund's expense ratio. In addition, in order to make these distributions, the fund may have to sell portfolio securities at a less than opportune time.

The Board of Directors approved amendments to eliminate the non-fundamental investment restriction regarding the purchase of securities on margin. The board of directors also approved amendments to permit the fund to write call options on up to 25% of its managed assets. Call options would be written on both indices and securities. The fund may write call options on "broad-based" equity indexes, as well as on narrower market indexes, such as those in respect of select sectors. The fund also may write options on exchange-traded funds and other similar instruments designed to correlate with the performance of an equity index or market segment. Finally, the fund may write options on select sectors and single stocks. The Fund may write listed/exchange-traded options contracts, as well as unlisted or "over-the-counter" options contracts, particularly with respect to options on foreign securities or indexes.

**PRIVACY POLICY\***

In the course of doing business with Cohen & Steers, you may share personal information with us. We are committed to maintaining the privacy of this information and recognize the importance of preventing unauthorized access to it. You may provide personal information on account applications and requests for forms or other literature (such as your address and social security number) and through account transactions with us (such as purchases, sales and account balances). You may also provide us with this information through written, electronic and telephone account inquiries.

We do not sell personal information about current and former customers to anyone, and we do not disclose it unless necessary to process a transaction, service an account or as otherwise required or permitted by law. For example, we may disclose information to companies that perform administrative services for Cohen & Steers, such as transfer agents, or printers that assist us in the distribution of investor materials. These organizations will use this information only for purposes of providing the required services or as otherwise may be required by law. We may also share personal information within the Cohen & Steers family of companies to provide you with additional information about our products and services.

\* This privacy policy applies to the following Cohen & Steers companies: Cohen & Steers Capital Management, Inc., Cohen & Steers Securities, LLC, Cohen & Steers Capital Advisors, LLC and the Cohen & Steers Funds.

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We maintain physical, electronic and procedural safeguards to protect your personal information. Within Cohen & Steers, we restrict access to your personal information to those employees who need it to perform their jobs, such as servicing your account or informing you of new products and services.

The accuracy of your personal information is important. If you need to correct or update your personal or account information, please call us at 800-330-7348. We will be happy to review, correct or update your personal or account information.

**APPROVAL OF INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT**

The board of directors of the fund, including a majority of the directors who are not parties to the fund's investment management agreement (the "Management Agreement"), or interested persons of any such party ("Independent Directors"), has the responsibility under the 1940 Act to approve the fund's Management Agreement for its initial two year term and its continuation annually thereafter at a meeting of the board called for the purpose of voting on the approval or continuation. At a meeting held in person on December 12, 2007, the Management Agreement was discussed and was unanimously continued for a one-year term by the fund's board, including the Independent Directors. The Independent Directors were represented by independent counsel who assisted them in their deliberations during the meeting and executive session.

In considering whether to continue the Management Agreement, the board reviewed materials provided by the fund's investment manager (the "Investment Manager") and fund counsel which included, among other things, fee, expense and performance information compared to peer funds ("Peer Funds") prepared by an independent data provider, supplemental performance and summary information prepared by the Investment Manager, and memoranda outlining the legal duties of the board. The board also spoke directly with representatives of the independent data provider and met with investment management personnel. In addition, the board considered information provided from time to time by the Investment Manager throughout the year at meetings of the board, including presentations by portfolio managers relating to the investment performance of the fund and the investment strategies used in pursuing the fund's objective. In particular, the board considered the following:

*(i) The nature, extent and quality of services to be provided by the Investment Manager:* The board reviewed the services that the Investment Manager provides to the fund, including, but not limited to, making the day-to-day investment decisions for the fund, and generally managing the fund's investments in accordance with the stated policies of the fund. The board also discussed with officers and portfolio managers of the fund the amount of time the Investment Manager dedicates to the fund and the types of transactions that were being done on behalf of the fund. Additionally, the board took into account the services provided by the Investment Manager to its other funds, including those that invest substantially in utility securities and have investment objectives and strategies similar to the fund.

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The board next considered the education, background and experience of the Investment Manager's personnel, noting particularly that the favorable history and reputation of the portfolio managers for the fund, has had, and would likely continue to have, a favorable impact on the success of the fund. The board further noted the Investment Manager's ability to attract quality and experienced personnel. The board then considered the administrative services provided by the Investment Manager, including compliance and accounting services. After consideration of the above factors, among others, the board concluded that the nature, quality and extent of services provided by the Investment Manager are adequate and appropriate.

*(ii) Investment performance of the fund and the Investment Manager:* The board considered the investment performance of the fund compared to Peer Funds and compared to relevant benchmarks. The board noted that the fund was the median performer for the one- and three-year periods and also noted that the fund has outperformed its blended benchmark and a pure utility benchmark over that same time period and since the fund's inception.

The board also considered the Investment Manager's performance in managing other funds that invest in utility securities. The board determined that fund performance, in light of all the considerations noted above, was satisfactory.

*(iii) Cost of the services to be provided and profits to be realized by the Investment Manager from the relationship with the fund:* Next, the board considered the management fees and administrative fees payable by the fund, as well as total expense ratios. As part of their analysis, the board gave substantial consideration to the fee and expense analyses provided by the independent data provider. The board noted that the advisory fee was above the Peer Fund median, but also considered that the fund's expense ratio was at the Peer Fund median on a gross basis and the lowest among the Peer Funds on a net basis. The board concluded that the fund's current expense structure is competitive in the peer group.

The board also reviewed information regarding the profitability to the Investment Manager of its relationship with the fund. The board considered the level of the Investment Manager's profits and whether the profits were reasonable for the Investment Manager. The board noted that the Investment Manger was currently waiving fees and/or reimbursing expenses for the fund. The board took into consideration other benefits to be derived by the Investment Manager in connection with the Management Agreement, noting particularly the research and related services, within the meaning of Section 28(e) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, that the Investment Manager receives by allocating the fund's brokerage transactions. The board also considered the fees received by the Investment Manager from its administrative relationship with the fund, but noted the significant services received, such as operational services and furnishing office space and facilities for the fund, and providing persons satisfactory to the board to serve as officers of the fund, and that these services were beneficial to the fund. The board concluded that the profits realized by the Investment Manager from its administrative relationship with the fund were reasonable and consistent with fiduciary duties.

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*(iv) The extent to which economies of scale would be realized as the fund grows and whether fee levels would reflect such economies of scale:* The board considered that as a closed-end fund, the fund would not be expected to have inflows of capital that might produce increasing economies of scale. The board determined that, given the fund's closed-end structure, shareholders appropriately benefited from economies of scale.

*(v) Comparison of services rendered and fees paid to those under other investment management contracts, such as contracts of the same and other investment managers or other clients:* As discussed above in (i) and (iii), the board compared both the services rendered and the fees paid under the Management Agreement to those under other investment management contracts of other investment managers managing Peer Funds. The board also compared both the services rendered and the fees paid under the Management Agreement to the Investment Manager's other fund advisory agreements. The board determined that on a comparative basis the fees under the Management Agreement were reasonable in relation to the services provided.

No single factor was cited as determinative to the decision of the board. Rather, after weighing all of the considerations and conclusions discussed above, the board, including the Independent Directors, unanimously approved the continuation of the Management Agreement.

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## MANAGEMENT OF THE FUND

The business and affairs of the fund are managed under the direction of the board of directors. The board of directors approves all significant agreements between the fund and persons or companies furnishing services to it, including the fund's agreements with its advisor, administrator, custodian and transfer agent. The management of the fund's day-to-day operations is delegated to its officers, the advisor and the fund's administrator, subject always to the investment objective and policies of the fund and to the general supervision of the board of directors.

The directors and officers of the fund and their principal occupations during the past five years are set forth below. The statement of additional information (SAI) includes additional information about fund directors and is available, without charge, upon request by calling 800-330-7348.

Name, Address and Age*	Position(s) Held with Fund	Term of Office	Principal Occupation During Past 5 Years (Including Other Directorships Held)	Number of Funds Within Fund Complex Overseen by Director (Including the Fund)	Length of Time Served**
<i>Interested Directors<sup>1</sup></i>					
Robert H. Steers Age: 54	Director and Co-Chairman	2009	Co-Chairman and Co-Chief Executive Officer of Cohen & Steers Capital Management, Inc. (CSCM), the fund's investment manager, and its parent company, Cohen & Steers, Inc. (CNS) since 2004. Vice President and Director, Cohen & Steers Securities, LLC (CSSL), the Cohen & Steers open-end funds' distributor. Prior thereto, Chairman of CSCM and the Cohen & Steers funds.	22	1991 to present
Martin Cohen Age: 59	Director and Co-Chairman	2010	Co-Chairman and Co-Chief Executive Officer of CSCM and CNS. Vice President and Director of CSSL. Prior thereto, President of the CSCM and the Cohen & Steers funds.	22	1991 to present

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\* The address for each director is 280 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10017.

\*\* The length of time served represents the year in which the director was first elected or appointed to any fund in the Cohen & Steers fund complex.

<sup>1</sup> "Interested person", as defined in the 1940 Act, of the fund because of affiliation with CSCM.

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Name, Address and Age*	Position(s) Held with Fund	Term of Office	Principal Occupation During Past 5 Years (Including Other Directorships Held)	Number of Funds Within Fund Complex Overseen by Director (Including the Fund)	Length of Time Served**
<i>Disinterested Directors</i>					
Bonnie Cohen <sup>2</sup> Age: 65	Director	2008	Consultant, Director, Reis, Inc.; Chair of the Board of Global Heritage Fund; Program member, The Moriah Fund; Advisory Committee member, The Posse Foundation; Board member, District of Columbia Public Libraries; Visiting Committee, Harvard Business School. Former Under Secretary of State for Management, United States Department of State, 1996-2000.	22	2001 to present
George Grossman Age: 54	Director	2009	Attorney-at-law.	22	1993 to present
Richard E. Kroon Age: 65	Director	2008	Member of Investment Committee, Monmouth University; retired Chairman and Managing Partner of the Sprout Group venture capital funds, then an affiliate of Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette Securities Corporation; and former Chairman of the National Venture Capital Association.	22	2004 to present
Richard J. Norman Age: 64	Director	2010	Private Investor. Board of Directors of Maryland Public Television, Advisory Board Member of the Salvation Army. Prior thereto, Investment Representative of Morgan Stanley Dean Witter.	22	2001 to present

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\* The address for each director is 280 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10017.



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\*\* The length of time served represents the year in which the director was first elected or appointed to any fund in the Cohen & Steers fund complex.

<sup>2</sup> Martin Cohen and Bonnie Cohen are not related.

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Name, Address and Age*	Position(s) Held with Fund	Term of Office	Principal Occupation During Past 5 Years (Including Other Directorships Held)	Number of Funds Within Fund Complex Overseen by Director (Including the Fund)	Length of Time Served**
Frank K. Ross Age: 64	Director	2010	Professor of Accounting, Howard University; Board member of Pepco Holdings, Inc. (electric utility). Formerly, Midatlantic Area Managing Partner for Audit and Risk Advisory Services at KPMG LLP and Managing Partner of its Washington, DC office.	22	2004 to present
Willard H. Smith Jr. Age: 71	Director	2008	Board member of Essex Property Trust Inc., Realty Income Corporation and Crest Net Lease, Inc. Managing Director at Merrill Lynch & Co., Equity Capital Markets Division from 1983 to 1995.	22	1996 to present
C. Edward Ward Jr. Age: 61	Director	2009	Member of the Board of Trustees of Directors Manhattan College, Riverdale, New York. Formerly head of closed-end fund listings for the New York Stock Exchange.	22	2004 to present

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The officers of the fund (other than Messrs. Cohen and Steers, whose biographies are provided above), their address, their ages and their principal occupations for at least the past five years are set forth below.

Name, Address and Age*	Position(s) with Fund	Principal Occupation During Past 5 Years	Length of Time Served**
Adam M. Derechin Age: 43	President and Chief Executive Officer	Chief Operating Officer of CSCM (since 2003) and CNS (since 2004). Prior to that, Senior Vice President of CSCM and Vice President and Assistant Treasurer of the Cohen & Steers funds.	Since 2005
Joseph M. Harvey Age: 44	Vice President	President of CSCM (since 2003) and CNS (since 2004). Prior to that, Senior Vice President and Director of Investment Research of CSCM.	Since 2004
William F. Scapell Age: 40	Vice President	Senior Vice President of CSCM since 2003. Prior to that, chief strategist for preferred securities at Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc.	Since 2003
Robert S. Becker Age: 38	Vice President	Senior Vice President of CSCM since 2003. Prior to that, portfolio manager at Franklin Templeton Investments.	Since 2003
Francis C. Poli Age: 45	Secretary	Executive Vice President, Secretary and General Counsel of CSCM and CNS since March 2007. Prior thereto, General Counsel of Allianz Global Investors of America LP.	Since 2007
James Giallanza Age: 41	Treasurer	Senior Vice President of CSCM since September 2006. Prior thereto, Deputy Head of the US Funds Administration and Treasurer & CFO of various mutual funds within the Legg Mason (formally Citigroup Asset Management) fund complex from August 2004 to September 2006; Director/Controller of the US wholesale business at UBS Global Asset Management (U.S.) from September 2001 to July 2004.	Since 2006
Lisa Phelan Age: 39	Chief Compliance Officer	Vice President & Director of Compliance of CSCM since January 2006. Chief Compliance Officer of CSSL since 2004. Prior to that, Compliance Officer of CSCM since 2004. Chief Compliance Officer, Avatar Associates & Overture Asset Managers, 2003-2004. First VP, Risk Management, Prudential Securities, Inc. 2000-2003.	Since 2006

\* The address of each officer is 280 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10017.

\*\* Officers serve one-year terms. The length of time served represents the year in which the officer was first elected to that position in any fund in the Cohen & Steers fund complex. All of the officers listed above are officers of one or more of the other funds in the complex.

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**Item 2. Code of Ethics.**

The registrant has adopted a Code of Ethics that applies to its Principal Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer. The registrant undertakes to provide to any person without charge, upon request, a copy of the Code of Ethics. Such request can be made by calling 800-330-7348 or writing to the Secretary of the registrant, 280 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10017.

**Item 3. Audit Committee Financial Expert.**

The registrant's board has determined that Frank K. Ross, a member of the board's Audit Committee, is an audit committee financial expert. Mr. Ross is independent, as such term is defined in this Item.

**Item 4. Principal Accountant Fees and Services.**

(a) (d) Aggregate fees billed to the registrant for the last two fiscal years for professional services rendered by the registrant's principal accountant were as follows:

	2007	2006
Audit Fees	\$ 58,100	\$ 70,030
Audit-Related Fees	110,500	99,500
Tax Fees	14,500	13,500
All Other Fees		

Audit-related fees were billed in connection with the preparation and issuance of certification reports to rating agencies relating to the registrant's preferred shares. Tax fees were billed in connection with the preparation of tax returns, calculation and designation of dividends and other miscellaneous tax services.

Aggregate fees billed by the registrant's principal accountant for the last two fiscal years for non-audit services provided to the registrant's investment adviser (not including a sub-adviser whose role is primarily portfolio management and is subcontracted or overseen by another investment adviser) and any entity controlling, controlled by, or under common control with the investment adviser that provides ongoing services to the registered investment company, where the engagement relates directly to the operations and financial reporting of the registrant, were as follows:

	2007	2006
Audit-Related Fees		
Tax Fees		

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All Other Fees	\$	85,000	\$	65,000
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These other fees were billed in connection with internal control reviews.

(e)(1) The registrant's audit committee is required to pre-approve audit and non-audit services performed for the registrant by the principal accountant. The audit committee also is required to

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pre-approve non-audit services performed by the registrant's principal accountant for the registrant's investment adviser (not including any sub-adviser whose role is primarily portfolio management and is subcontracted with or overseen by another investment adviser) and/or to any entity controlling, controlled by or under common control with the registrant's investment adviser that provides ongoing services to the registrant, if the engagement for services relates directly to the operations and financial reporting of the registrant.

The audit committee may delegate pre-approval authority to one or more of its members who are independent members of the board of directors of the registrant. The member or members to whom such authority is delegated shall report any pre-approval decisions to the audit committee at its next scheduled meeting. The audit committee may not delegate its responsibility to pre-approve services to be performed by the registrant's principal accountant to the investment adviser.

(e) (2) No services included in (b) (d) above were approved by the audit committee pursuant to paragraphs (c)(7)(i)(C) of Rule 2-01 of Regulation S-X.

(f) Not applicable.

(g) For the fiscal years ended December 31, 2007 and December 31, 2006, the aggregate fees billed by the registrant's principal accountant for non-audit services rendered to the registrant and for non-audit services rendered to the registrant's investment adviser (not including any sub-adviser whose role is primarily portfolio management and is subcontracted with or overseen by another investment adviser) and/or to any entity controlling, controlled by or under common control with the registrant's investment adviser that provides ongoing services to the registrant were \$210,000 and \$178,000, respectively.

(h) The registrant's audit committee considered whether the provision of non-audit services that were rendered to the registrant's investment adviser (not including any sub-adviser whose role is primarily portfolio management and is subcontracted with or overseen by another investment adviser) and/or to any entity controlling, controlled by or under common control with the registrant's investment adviser that provides ongoing services to the registrant that were not required to be pre-approved pursuant to paragraph (c)(7)(ii) of Rule 2-01 of Regulation S-X was compatible with maintaining the principal accountant's independence.

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**Item 5. Audit Committee of Listed Registrants.**

The registrant has a separately-designated standing audit committee established in accordance with Section 3(a)(58)(A) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. The members of the committee are Frank K. Ross (chairman), Bonnie Cohen, George Grossman and Richard E. Kroon.

**Item 6. Schedule of Investments.**

Included in Item 1 above.

**Item 7. Disclosure of Proxy Voting Policies and Procedures for Closed-End Management Investment Companies.**

The registrant has delegated voting of proxies in respect of portfolio holdings to Cohen & Steers Capital Management, Inc., in accordance with the policies and procedures set forth below.

**COHEN & STEERS CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, INC.**

**STATEMENT OF POLICIES AND PROCEDURES REGARDING THE VOTING OF SECURITIES**

This statement sets forth the policies and procedures that Cohen & Steers Capital Management, Inc. ( C&S ) follows in exercising voting rights with respect to securities held in our client portfolios. All proxy-voting rights that are exercised by C&S shall be subject to this Statement of Policy and Procedures.

**I. Objectives**

Voting rights are an important component of corporate governance. C&S has three overall objectives in exercising voting rights:

A. Responsibility. C&S shall seek to ensure that there is an effective means in place to hold companies accountable for their actions. While management must be accountable to its board, the board must be accountable to a company's shareholders. Although accountability can be promoted in a variety of ways, protecting shareholder voting rights may be among our most important tools.

B. Rationalizing Management and Shareholder Concerns. C&S seeks to ensure that the interests of a company's management and board are aligned with those of the company's shareholders. In this respect, compensation must be structured to reward the creation of shareholder value.

C. Shareholder Communication. Since companies are owned by their shareholders, C&S seeks to ensure that management effectively communicates with its owners about the company's business operations and financial performance. It is only with effective communication that shareholders will be able to assess the performance of management and to make informed decisions on when to buy, sell or hold a company's securities.

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## **II. General Principles**

In exercising voting rights, C&S shall conduct itself in accordance with the general principles set forth below.

1. The ability to exercise a voting right with respect to a security is a valuable right and, therefore, must be viewed as part of the asset itself.
2. In exercising voting rights, C&S shall engage in a careful evaluation of issues that may materially affect the rights of shareholders and the value of the security.
3. Consistent with general fiduciary principles, the exercise of voting rights shall always be conducted with reasonable care, prudence and diligence.
4. In exercising voting rights on behalf of clients, C&S shall conduct itself in the same manner as if C&S were the constructive owner of the securities.
5. To the extent reasonably possible, C&S shall participate in each shareholder voting opportunity.
6. Voting rights shall not automatically be exercised in favor of management-supported proposals.
7. C&S, and its officers and employees, shall never accept any item of value in consideration of a favorable proxy voting decision.

## **III. General Guidelines**

Set forth below are general guidelines that C&S shall follow in exercising proxy voting rights:

### **Prudence**

In making a proxy voting decision, C&S shall give appropriate consideration to all relevant facts and circumstances, including the value of the securities to be voted and the likely effect any vote may have on that value. Since voting rights must be exercised on the basis of an informed judgment, investigation shall be a critical initial step.

### **Third Party Views**



While C&S may consider the views of third parties, C&S shall never base a proxy voting decision solely on the opinion of a third party. Rather, decisions shall be based on a reasonable and good faith determination as to how best to maximize shareholder value.

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**Shareholder Value**

Just as the decision whether to purchase or sell a security is a matter of judgment, determining whether a specific proxy resolution will increase the market value of a security is a matter of judgment as to which informed parties may differ. In determining how a proxy vote may affect the economic value of a security, C&S shall consider both short-term and long-term views about a company's business and prospects, especially in light of our projected holding period on the stock (e.g., C&S may discount long-term views on a short-term holding).

**IV. Specific Issues**

Set forth below are guidelines as to how specific proxy voting issues shall be analyzed and assessed. While these guidelines will provide a framework for our decision making process, the mechanical application of these guidelines can never address all proxy voting decisions. When new issues arise or old issues present nuances not encountered before, C&S must be guided by its reasonable judgment to vote in a manner that C&S deems to be in the best interests of its clients.

**A. Stock-Based Compensation**

Approval of Plans or Plan Amendments. By their nature, compensation plans must be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. As a general matter, C&S always favors compensation plans that align the interests of management and shareholders. C&S generally approves compensation plans under the following conditions:

10% Rule. The dilution effect of the newly authorized shares, plus the shares reserved for issuance in connection with all other stock related plans, generally should not exceed 10%.

Exercise Price. The minimum exercise price of stock options should be at least equal to the market price of the stock on the date of grant.

Plan Amendments. Compensation plans should not be materially amended without shareholder approval.

Non-Employee Directors. Awards to non-employee directors should not be subject to management discretion, but rather should be made under non-discretionary grants specified by the terms of the plan.

Repricing/Replacement of Underwater Options. Stock options generally should not be re-priced, and never should be re-priced without shareholder approval. In addition, companies should not issue new options, with a lower strike price, to make up for previously issued options that are substantially underwater. C&S will vote against the election of any slate of directors that, to its knowledge, has authorized a company to re-price or replace underwater options during the most recent year without shareholder approval.

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Reload/Evergreen Features. We will generally vote against plans that enable the issuance of reload options and that provide an automatic share replenishment ( evergreen ) feature.

Measures to Increase Executive Long-Term Stock Ownership. We support measures to increase the long-term stock ownership by a company s executives. These include requiring senior executives to hold a minimum amount of stock in a company (often expressed as a percentage of annual compensation), requiring stock acquired through option exercise to be held for a certain minimum amount of time, and issuing restricted stock awards instead of options. In this respect, we support the expensing of option grants because it removes the incentive of a company to issue options in lieu of restricted stock. We also support employee stock purchase plans, although we generally believe the discounted purchase price should be at least 85% of the current market price.

Vesting. Restricted stock awards normally should vest over at least a two-year period.

Other stock awards. Stock awards other than stock options and restricted stock awards should be granted in lieu of salary or a cash bonus, and the number of shares awarded should be reasonable.

**B. Change of Control Issues**

While we recognize that a takeover attempt can be a significant distraction for the board and management to deal with, the simple fact is that the possibility of a corporate takeover keeps management focused on maximizing shareholder value. As a result, C&S opposes measures that are designed to prevent or obstruct corporate takeovers because they can entrench current management. The following are C&S s guidelines on change of control issues:

Shareholder Rights Plans. C&S acknowledges that there are arguments for and against shareholder rights plans, also known as poison pills. Companies should put their case for rights plans to shareholders. We generally vote against any directors who, without shareholder approval, to our knowledge have instituted a new poison pill plan, extended an existing plan, or adopted a new plan upon the expiration of an existing plan during the past year.

Golden Parachutes. C&S opposes the use of accelerated employment contracts that result in cash grants of greater than three times annual compensation (salary and bonus) in the event of termination of employment following a change in control of a company. In general, the guidelines call for voting against golden parachute plans because they impede potential takeovers that shareholders should be free to consider. We generally withhold our votes at the next shareholder meeting for directors who to our knowledge approved golden parachutes.

Approval of Mergers

**C&S votes against proposals that require a super-majority of shareholders to approve a merger or other significant business combination. We support proposals that seek to lower super-majority voting requirements.**

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C. **Routine Issues**

Director Nominees in a Non-Contested Election C&S generally votes in favor of management proposals on director nominees.

Director Nominees in a Contested Election By definition, this type of board candidate or slate runs for the purpose of seeking a significant change in corporate policy or control. Therefore, the economic impact of the vote in favor of or in opposition to that director or slate must be analyzed using a higher standard normally applied to changes in control. Criteria for evaluating director nominees as a group or individually should include: performance; compensation, corporate governance provisions and takeover activity; criminal activity; attendance at meetings; investment in the company; interlocking directorships; inside, outside and independent directors; whether the chairman and CEO titles are held by the same person; number of other board seats; and other experience. It is impossible to have a general policy regarding director nominees in a contested election.

Board Composition C&S supports the election of a board that consists of at least a majority of independent directors. We generally withhold our support for non-independent directors who serve on a company's audit, compensation and/or nominating committees. We also generally withhold support for director candidates who have not attended a sufficient number of board or committee meetings to effectively discharge their duties as directors.

Classified Boards Because a classified board structure prevents shareholders from electing a full slate of directors at annual meetings, C&S generally votes against classified boards. We vote in favor of shareholder proposals to declassify a board of directors unless a company's charter or governing corporate law allows shareholders, by written consent, to remove a majority of directors at any time, with or without cause.

Barriers to Shareholder Action We vote to support proposals that lower the barriers to shareholder action. This includes the right of shareholders to call a meeting and the right of shareholders to act by written consent.

Cumulative Voting Having the ability to cumulate our votes for the election of directors—that is, cast more than one vote for a director about whom they feel strongly—generally increases shareholders' rights to effect change in the management of a corporation. We generally support, therefore, proposals to adopt cumulative voting.

Ratification of Auditors Votes generally are cast in favor of proposals to ratify an independent auditor, unless there is a reason to believe the auditing firm is no longer performing its required duties or there are exigent circumstances requiring us to vote against the approval of the recommended auditor. For example, our general policy is to vote against an independent auditor that receives more than 50% of its total fees from a company for non-audit services.



**D. Stock Related Items**

Increase Additional Common Stock C&S's guidelines generally call for approval of increases in authorized shares, provided that the increase is not greater than three times the number of shares outstanding and reserved for issuance (including shares reserved for stock-related plans and securities convertible into common stock, but not shares reserved for any poison pill plan).

Votes generally are cast in favor of proposals to authorize additional shares of stock except where the proposal:

1. creates a blank check preferred stock; or
2. establishes classes of stock with superior voting rights.

Blank Check Preferred Stock Votes generally are cast in opposition to management proposals authorizing the creation of new classes of preferred stock with unspecified voting, conversion, distribution and other rights, and management proposals to increase the number of authorized blank check preferred shares. C&S may vote in favor of this type of proposal when it receives assurances to its reasonable satisfaction that (i) the preferred stock was authorized by the board for the use of legitimate capital formation purposes and not for anti-takeover purposes, and (ii) no preferred stock will be issued with voting power that is disproportionate to the economic interests of the preferred stock. These representations should be made either in the proxy statement or in a separate letter from the company to C&S.

Preemptive Rights Votes are cast in favor of shareholder proposals restoring limited preemptive rights.

Dual Class Capitalizations Because classes of common stock with unequal voting rights limit the rights of certain shareholders, C&S votes against adoption of a dual or multiple class capitalization structure.

**E. Social Issues**

C&S believes that it is the responsibility of the board and management to run a company on a daily basis. With this in mind, in the absence of unusual circumstances, we do not believe that shareholders should be involved in determining how a company should address broad social and policy issues. As a result, we generally vote against these types of proposals, which are generally initiated by shareholders, unless we believe the proposal has significant economic implications.



F. Other Situations

No set of guidelines can anticipate all situations that may arise. Our portfolio managers and analysts will be expected to analyze proxy proposals in an effort to gauge the impact of a proposal on the financial prospects of a company, and vote accordingly. These policies are intended to provide guidelines for voting. They are not, however, hard and fast rules because corporate governance issues are so varied.

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**V. Proxy Voting Procedures**

C&S shall maintain a record of all voting decisions for the period required by applicable laws. In each case in which C&S votes contrary to the stated policies set forth in these guidelines, the record shall indicate the reason for such a vote.

The Investment Committee of C&S shall have responsibility for voting proxies. The Investment Committee shall appoint a designee (the Designee ) who shall be responsible for ensuring that the Investment Committee is aware of all upcoming proxy voting opportunities. The Designee shall ensure that proxy votes are properly recorded and that the requisite information regarding each proxy voting opportunity is maintained. The General Counsel of C&S shall have overall responsibility for ensuring that C&S complies with all proxy voting requirements and procedures.

**VI. Recordkeeping**

The Designee shall be responsible for recording and maintaining the following information with respect to each proxy voted by C&S:

- Name of the company
- Ticker symbol
- CUSIP number
- Shareholder meeting date
- Brief identification of each matter voted upon
- Whether the matter was proposed by management or a shareholder
- Whether C&S voted on the matter
- If C&S voted, then how C&S voted
- Whether C&S voted with or against management

The General Counsel of C&S shall be responsible for maintaining and updating these Policies and Procedures, and for maintaining any records of written client requests for proxy voting information. The General Counsel shall ensure that the Investment Committee maintains documents that were prepared by C&S and were deemed material to making a voting decision or that memorialized the basis for the decision.

C&S shall rely on the SEC's EDGAR filing system with respect to the requirement to maintain proxy materials regarding client securities.

**VII. Conflicts of Interest**

There may be situations in which C&S may face a conflict between its interests and those of its clients or fund shareholders. Potential conflicts are most likely to fall into three general categories:

- Business Relationships This type of conflict would occur if C&S or an affiliate has a substantial business relationship with the company or a proponent of a proxy proposal relating to the company (such as an employee group) such that failure to vote in favor of management (or
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the proponent) could harm the relationship of C&S or its affiliate with the company or proponent. In the context of C&S, this could occur if Cohen & Steers Capital Advisors, a wholly owned subsidiary of C&S ( Capital Advisors ), has a material business relationship with a company that C&S has invested in on behalf of its clients, and C&S is encouraged to vote in favor of management as an inducement to acquire or maintain the Capital Advisors relationship.

- Personal Relationships C&S or an affiliate could have a personal relationship with other proponents of proxy proposals, participants in proxy contests, corporate directors or director nominees.

- Familial Relationships C&S or an affiliate could have a familial relationship relating to a company (e.g., spouse or other relative who serves as a director or nominee of a public company).

The next step is to identify if a conflict is material. A material matter is one that is reasonably likely to be viewed as important by the average shareholder. Materiality will be judged under a two-step approach:

- Financial Based Materiality C&S presumes a conflict to be non-material unless it involves at least \$500,000.

- Non-Financial Based Materiality Non-financial based materiality would impact the members of the C&S Investment Committee, who are responsible for making proxy voting decisions.

Finally, if a material conflict exists, C&S shall vote in accordance with the advice of a proxy voting service. C&S currently uses ISS to provide advice on proxy voting decisions.

The General Counsel of C&S shall have responsibility for supervising and monitoring conflicts of interest in the proxy voting process according to the following process:

1. Identifying Conflicts The General Counsel of C&S is responsible for monitoring the relationships of Capital Advisors for purposes of C&S's Inside Information Policies and Procedures. The General Counsel of C&S (or his designee) maintains a watch list and a restricted list. The Investment Committee is unaware of the content of the watch list and therefore it is only those companies on the restricted list, which is made known to everyone at C&S, for which potential concerns might arise. When a company is placed on the restricted list, the General Counsel of C&S (or his designee) shall promptly inquire of the Designee as to whether there is a pending proxy voting opportunity with respect to that company, and continue to inquire on a weekly basis until such time as the company is no longer included on the restricted list. When there is a proxy voting opportunity with respect to a company that has been placed on the restricted list, the General Counsel of C&S shall inform the Investment Committee that no proxy vote is to be submitted for that company until the General Counsel completes the conflicts analysis.



For purposes of monitoring personal or familial relationships, the General Counsel of C&S (or his designee) shall notify on at least an annual basis the members of the Investment Committee of their obligation to disclose any personal or familial relationships with a portfolio company that could raise potential conflict of interest concerns. Investment Committee members shall also advise the General Counsel of C&S (or his designee) if (i) there are material changes to any previously furnished information, (ii) a person with whom a personal or familial relationship exists is subsequently nominated as a director or (iii) a personal or familial relationship exists with any proponent of a proxy proposal or a participant in a proxy contest.

2. **Identifying Materiality** The General Counsel of C&S (or his designee) shall be responsible for determining whether a conflict is material. He shall evaluate financial based materiality in terms of both actual and potential fees to be received. Non-financial based items impacting a member of the Investment Committee shall be presumed to be material.

3. **Communication with Investment Committee; Voting of Proxy** If the General Counsel of C&S determines that the relationship between Capital Advisors and a company is financially material, he shall communicate that information to the members of the Investment Committee and instruct them, and the Designee, that C&S will vote its proxy based on the advice of ISS or other consulting firm then engaged by C&S. Any personal or familial relationship, or any other business relationship, that exists between a company and any member of the Investment Committee shall be presumed to be material, in which case C&S again will vote its proxy based on the advice of ISS or other consulting firm then engaged by C&S. The fact that a member of the Investment Committee personally owns securities issued by a company will not disqualify C&S from voting common stock issued by that company, since the member's personal and professional interests will be aligned.

In cases in which C&S will vote its proxy based on the advice of ISS or other consulting firm then engaged by C&S, the General Counsel of C&S (or his designee) shall be responsible for ensuring that the Designee votes proxies in this manner. The General Counsel of C&S will maintain a written record of each instance when a conflict arises and how the conflict is resolved (e.g., whether the conflict is judged to be material, the basis on which the materiality is decision is made and how the proxy is voted).

## **VIII. Cohen & Steers Funds**

Proxies relating to portfolio securities held by any Cohen & Steers Fund shall be voted in accordance with this Statement of Policies and Procedures. For this purpose, the Board of Directors of the Cohen & Steers Funds has delegated to C&S the responsibility for voting proxies on behalf of the Funds. The General Counsel of C&S shall make an annual presentation to the Board regarding this Statement of Policy and Procedures, including whether any revisions are recommended, and shall report to the Board at each regular, quarterly meeting with respect to any conflict of interest situation that arose regarding the proxy voting process.

## **IX. Annual Review; Reporting**

The chief compliance officer (CCO) of C&S (or his designee) shall conduct an annual review to assess compliance with these policies and procedures. This review will include sampling a



limited number of proxy votes during the prior year to determine if they were consistent with these policies and procedures. The results of this review will be reported to the General Counsel of C&S and the CCO of the Funds.

Any violations of these policies and procedures shall be reported to the General Counsel or CCO of C&S. If the violation relates to any Cohen & Steers Fund, the General Counsel or CCO of C&S shall report such violation to the CCO of the Funds.

**Item 8. Portfolio Managers of Closed-End Investment Companies.**

Information pertaining to the portfolio managers of the registrant, as of February 29, 2008, is set forth below.

William F. Scapell Senior vice president of C&S. Previously, chief strategist for preferred securities at Merrill Lynch & Co.

- Vice President
- Portfolio manager since inception

Robert Becker Senior vice president of C&S. Previously, co-portfolio manager for the Franklin Utilities Fund at Franklin Templeton Investments.

- Vice President
- Portfolio manager since inception

Each portfolio manager listed above manages other investment companies and/or investment vehicles and accounts in addition to the registrant. The following tables show, as of December 31, 2007, the number of accounts each portfolio manager managed in each of the listed categories and the total assets in the accounts managed within each category. The portfolio managers do not receive performance-based fees with respect to any of the registered investment companies, other pooled investment vehicles or other accounts that they manage.

William F. Scapell

**Number of accounts** **Total assets**



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• Registered investment companies	10	\$	10,372,197,000
• Other pooled investment vehicles	2	\$	66,154,000
• Other accounts	13	\$	556,978,000

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Robert Becker

	Number of accounts	Total assets
• Registered investment companies	4	\$ 4,698,016,000
• Other pooled investment vehicles	0	\$ 0
• Other accounts	0	\$ 0

**Share Ownership.** The following table indicates the dollar range of securities of the registrant owned by the registrant's portfolio managers as of December 31, 2007:

	Dollar Range of Securities Owned
William F. Scapell	None
Robert Becker	None

**Conflicts of Interest.** It is possible that conflicts of interest may arise in connection with the portfolio managers' management of the registrant's investments on the one hand and the investments of other accounts or vehicles for which the portfolio managers are responsible on the other. For example, a portfolio manager may have conflicts of interest in allocating management time, resources and investment opportunities among the registrant and the other accounts or vehicles he advises. In addition, due to differences in the investment strategies or restrictions among the registrant and the other accounts, a portfolio manager may take action with respect to another account that differs from the action taken with respect to the registrant.

In some cases, another account managed by a portfolio manager may provide more revenue to C&S. While this may appear to create additional conflicts of interest for the portfolio manager in the allocation of management time, resources and investment opportunities, C&S strives to ensure that portfolio managers endeavor to exercise their discretion in a manner that is equitable to all interested persons. In this regard, in the absence of specific account-related impediments (such as client-imposed restrictions or lack of available cash), it is the policy of C&S to allocate investment ideas pro rata to all accounts with the same primary investment objective.

In addition, certain of the portfolio managers may from time to time manage one or more accounts on behalf of C&S and its affiliated companies (the CNS Accounts). Certain securities held in the CNS Accounts also may be held in the account of the registrant or other client accounts of C&S. C&S has adopted procedures that are designed to ensure that the interests of the CNS Accounts are never placed ahead of the interests of the registrant or any other client account. In this regard, C&S will not purchase or sell a security for the CNS Accounts until C&S has completed its purchase or sale program for the registrant and any other client accounts. While it is possible that a security will be sold out of the CNS Accounts but continue to be held for the registrant or one or more other client accounts, this will occur only if C&S, acting in its reasonable judgment and consistent with its fiduciary duties, believes this to be appropriate for, and consistent with the objectives and profile of, the registrant or other client accounts.

Advisor Compensation Structure. Compensation of the Advisor's portfolio managers and other investment professionals has three primary components: (1) a base salary, (2) an annual cash bonus and (3) annual stock-based compensation consisting generally of restricted stock units of the Advisor's parent, CNS. The Advisor's investment professionals, including the portfolio managers, also receive certain retirement, insurance and other benefits that are broadly available to all of its employees. Compensation of the Advisor's investment professionals is reviewed primarily on an annual basis.

Method to Determine Compensation. The Advisor compensates its portfolio managers based primarily on the total return performance of funds and accounts managed by the portfolio manager versus appropriate peer groups or benchmarks. In evaluating the performance of a portfolio manager, primary emphasis is normally placed on one- and three-year performance, with secondary consideration of performance over longer periods of time. Performance is evaluated on a pre-tax and pre-expense basis. In addition to rankings within peer groups of funds on the basis of absolute performance, consideration may also be given to risk-adjusted performance. For funds and accounts with a primary investment objective of high current income, consideration will also be given to the fund's and account's success in achieving this objective. For portfolio managers responsible for multiple funds and accounts, investment performance is evaluated on an aggregate basis. The Advisor does not have any funds or accounts with performance-based advisory fees. Portfolio managers are also evaluated on the basis of their success in managing their dedicated team of analysts. Base compensation for portfolio managers of the Advisor varies in line with the portfolio manager's seniority and position with the firm.

Salaries, bonuses and stock-based compensation are also influenced by the operating performance of the Advisor and CNS. While the annual salaries of the Advisor's portfolio managers are fixed, cash bonuses and stock based compensation may fluctuate significantly from year to year, based on changes in manager performance and other factors.

**Item 9. Purchases of Equity Securities by Closed-End Management Investment Company and Affiliated Purchasers.**

Not applicable.

**Item 10. Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders.**

Not applicable.

**Item 11. Controls and Procedures.**

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(a) The registrant's principal executive officer and principal financial officer have concluded that the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures are reasonably designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by the registrant in this Form N-CSR was recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the Securities and Exchange Commission's rules and forms, based upon such officers' evaluation of these controls and procedures as of a date within 90 days of the filing date of this report.

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(b) There were no changes in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the second fiscal quarter of the period covered by this report that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

**Item 12. Exhibits.**

**(a)(1) Not applicable.**

**(a) (2) Certifications of principal executive officer and principal financial officer as required by Rule 30a-2(a) under the Investment Company Act of 1940.**

(b) Certifications of chief executive officer and chief financial officer as required by Rule 30a-2(b) under the Investment Company Act of 1940.

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

**COHEN & STEERS SELECT UTILITY FUND, INC.**

By: /s/ Adam M. Derechin  
Name: Adam M. Derechin  
Title: President and Chief Executive Officer

Date: February 29, 2008

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

By: /s/ Adam M. Derechin  
Name: Adam M. Derechin  
Title: President and Chief Executive Officer  
(principal executive officer)

By: /s/ James Giallanza  
Name: James Giallanza  
Title: Treasurer  
(principal financial officer)

Date: February 29, 2008

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