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Form SC 13D  
February 11, 2015

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13D

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

The Eastern Company  
(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, par value \$.01 par value  
(Title of Class of Securities)

(CUSIP Number)

276317104

David Goldman  
GAMCO Investors, Inc.  
One Corporate Center  
Rye, New York 10580-1435  
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(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)

February 9, 2015

(Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

If the filing person has previously filed a statement on Schedule 13G to report the acquisition that is the subject of this Schedule 13D, and is filing this schedule because of §§ 240.13d-1(e), 240.13d-1(f) or 240.13d-1(g), check the following box .

CUSIP No. 276317104

1 Names of reporting persons  
 I.R.S. identification nos. of above persons (entities only)  
 Gabelli Funds, LLC I.D. No. 13-4044523  
 Check the appropriate box if a member of a group (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

2 (a)  
 (b)

3 Sec use only

4 Source of funds (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)  
 00-Funds of investment advisory clients

5 Check box if disclosure of legal proceedings is required pursuant to items 2 (d) or 2 (e)

6 Citizenship or place of organization  
 New York

Number Of	: 7	Sole voting power
Shares	:	9,500 (Item 5)
Beneficially	: 8	Shared voting power
Owned	:	None
By Each	: 9	Sole dispositive power
Reporting	:	9,500 (Item 5)
Person	: 10	Shared dispositive power
With	:	None

11 Aggregate amount beneficially owned by each reporting person  
 9,500 (Item 5)

12 Check box if the aggregate amount in row (11) excludes certain shares (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

13 Percent of class represented by amount in row (11)  
 0.15%

14 Type of reporting person (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

IA, CO

CUSIP No. 276317104

1 Names of reporting persons  
 I.R.S. identification nos. of above persons (entities only)  
 GAMCO Asset Management Inc. I.D. No.  
 13-4044521  
 Check the appropriate box if a member of a group (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

2 (a)

(b)

3 Sec use only

4 Source of funds (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)  
 00-Funds of investment advisory clients

5 Check box if disclosure of legal proceedings is required pursuant to items 2 (d) or 2 (e)

6 Citizenship or place of organization  
 New York

Number Of	: <sup>7</sup>	Sole voting power
Shares	:	104,358 (Item 5)
Beneficially	: <sup>8</sup>	Shared voting power
Owned	:	None
By Each	: <sup>9</sup>	Sole dispositive power
Reporting	:	104,358 (Item 5)
Person	: <sup>10</sup>	Shared dispositive power
With	:	None

11 Aggregate amount beneficially owned by each reporting person  
 104,358 (Item 5)

12 Check box if the aggregate amount in row (11) excludes certain shares (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

13 Percent of class represented by amount in row (11)  
 1.68%

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Type of reporting person (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)  
IA, CO

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CUSIP No. 276317104

1 Names of reporting persons  
 I.R.S. identification nos. of above persons (entities only)  
 Gabelli Securities, Inc. I.D. No. 13-3379374  
 Check the appropriate box if a member of a group (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

2 (a)  
 (b)

3 Sec use only

4 Source of funds (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)  
 00 – Client funds

5 Check box if disclosure of legal proceedings is required pursuant to items 2 (d) or 2 (e)

6 Citizenship or place of organization  
 Delaware

Number Of	:	7	Sole voting power
Shares	:	3,000 (Item 5)	
Beneficially	:	8	Shared voting power
Owned	:	None	
By Each	:	9	Sole dispositive power
Reporting	:	3,000 (Item 5)	
Person	:	10	Shared dispositive power
With	:	None	

11 Aggregate amount beneficially owned by each reporting person  
 3,000 (Item 5)

12 Check box if the aggregate amount in row (11) excludes certain shares (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

13 Percent of class represented by amount in row (11)  
 0.05%

14 Type of reporting person (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

HC, CO, IA

CUSIP No. 276317104

1 Names of reporting persons  
 I.R.S. identification nos. of above persons (entities only)  
 Teton Advisors, Inc.  
 Check the appropriate box if a member of a group (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

I.D. No. 13-4008049

2 (a)

(b)

3 Sec use only

4 Source of funds (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)  
 00 – Funds of investment advisory clients

5 Check box if disclosure of legal proceedings is required pursuant to items 2 (d) or 2 (e)

6 Citizenship or place of organization  
 Delaware

Number Of	:	7	Sole voting power
Shares	:	250,857 (Item 5)	
Beneficially	:	8	Shared voting power
Owned	:	None	
By Each	:	9	Sole dispositive power
Reporting	:	250,857 (Item 5)	
Person	:	10	Shared dispositive power
With	:	None	

11 Aggregate amount beneficially owned by each reporting person  
 250,857 (Item 5)

12 Check box if the aggregate amount in row (11) excludes certain shares (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

13 Percent of class represented by amount in row (11)  
 4.03%

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Type of reporting person (SEE  
INSTRUCTIONS)  
IA, CO

CUSIP No. 276317104

1 Names of reporting persons  
 I.R.S. identification nos. of above persons (entities only)  
 GGCP, Inc. I.D. No. 13-3056041

2 Check the appropriate box if a member of a group (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)  
 (a)

(b)

3 Sec use only

4 Source of funds (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)  
 None

5 Check box if disclosure of legal proceedings is required pursuant to items 2 (d) or 2 (e)

6 Citizenship or place of organization  
 Wyoming

Number Of	:	7	Sole voting power
Shares	:		None (Item 5)
Beneficially	:	8	Shared voting power
Owned	:		None
By Each	:	9	Sole dispositive power
Reporting	:		None (Item 5)
Person	:	10	Shared dispositive power
With	:		None

11 Aggregate amount beneficially owned by each reporting person  
 None (Item 5)

12 Check box if the aggregate amount in row (11) excludes certain shares (SEE INSTRUCTIONS) X

13 Percent of class represented by amount in row (11)  
 0.00%

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Type of reporting person (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)  
HC, CO

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CUSIP No. 276317104

1 Names of reporting persons  
 I.R.S. identification nos. of above persons (entities only)  
 GAMCO Investors, Inc. I.D. No. 13-4007862  
 Check the appropriate box if a member of a group (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)  
 (a)

(b)

3 Sec use only

4 Source of funds (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)  
 None

5 Check box if disclosure of legal proceedings is required pursuant to items 2 (d) or 2 (e)

6 Citizenship or place of organization  
 Delaware

Number Of	:	7	Sole voting power
Shares	:		None (Item 5)
Beneficially	:	8	Shared voting power
Owned	:		None
By Each	:	9	Sole dispositive power
Reporting	:		None (Item 5)
Person	:	10	Shared dispositive power
With	:		None

11 Aggregate amount beneficially owned by each reporting person  
 None (Item 5)

12 Check box if the aggregate amount in row (11) excludes certain shares (SEE INSTRUCTIONS) X

13 Percent of class represented by amount in row (11)  
 0.00%

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Type of reporting person (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)  
HC, CO

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CUSIP No. 276317104

- Names of reporting persons  
 1 I.R.S. identification nos. of above persons (entities only)  
 Mario J. Gabelli  
 Check the appropriate box if a member of a group (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)  
 (a)  
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 (b)  
 3 Sec use only  
 4 Source of funds (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)  
 None  
 5 Check box if disclosure of legal proceedings is required pursuant to items 2 (d) or 2 (e)  
 6 Citizenship or place of organization  
 USA  
 Number Of: 7 Sole voting power  
 Shares : None (Item 5)  
 Beneficially: 8 Shared voting power  
 Owned : None  
 By Each : 9 Sole dispositive power  
 Reporting : None (Item 5)  
 Person : 10 Shared dispositive power  
 With : None  
 11 Aggregate amount beneficially owned by each reporting person  
 None (Item 5)  
 12 Check box if the aggregate amount in row (11) excludes certain shares  
 (SEE INSTRUCTIONS) X  
 13 Percent of class represented by amount in row (11)  
 0.00%

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Type of reporting person (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)  
IN

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Item 1. Security and Issuer

The class of equity securities to which this statement on Schedule 13D relates is the Common Stock of The Eastern Company (the "Issuer"), a Connecticut corporation with principal offices located at 112 Bridge Street, Naugatuck, Connecticut, 06770.

Item 2. Identity and Background

This statement is being filed by Mario J. Gabelli ("Mario Gabelli") and various entities which he directly or indirectly controls or for which he acts as chief investment officer. These entities engage in various aspects of the securities business, primarily as investment adviser to various institutional and individual clients, including registered investment companies and pension plans, and as general partner or the equivalent of various private investment partnerships or private funds. Certain of these entities may also make investments for their own accounts. The foregoing persons in the aggregate often own beneficially more than 5% of a class of equity securities of a particular issuer. Although several of the foregoing persons are treated as institutional investors for purposes of reporting their beneficial ownership on the short-form Schedule 13G, the holdings of those who do not qualify as institutional investors may exceed the 1% threshold presented for filing on Schedule 13G or implementation of their investment philosophy may from time to time require action which could be viewed as not completely passive. In order to avoid any question as to whether their beneficial ownership is being reported on the proper form and in order to provide greater investment flexibility and administrative uniformity, these persons have decided to file their beneficial ownership reports on the more detailed Schedule 13D form rather than on the short-form Schedule 13G and thereby to provide more expansive disclosure than may be necessary.

(a), (b) and (c) - This statement is being filed by one or more of the following persons: GGCP, Inc. ("GGCP"), GGCP Holdings LLC ("GGCP Holdings"), GAMCO Investors, Inc. ("GBL"), Gabelli Funds, LLC ("Gabelli Funds"), GAMCO Asset Management Inc. ("GAMCO"), Teton Advisors, Inc. ("Teton Advisors"), Gabelli Securities, Inc. ("GSI"), G.research, Inc. ("G.research"), MJG Associates, Inc. ("MJG Associates"), Gabelli Foundation, Inc. ("Foundation"), MJG-IV Limited Partnership ("MJG-IV"), and Mario Gabelli. Those of the foregoing persons signing this Schedule 13D are hereinafter referred to as the "Reporting Persons".

GGCP makes investments for its own account and is the manager and a member of GGCP Holdings which is the controlling shareholder of GBL. GBL, a public company listed on the New York Stock Exchange, is the parent company for a variety of companies engaged in the securities business, including those named below.

GAMCO, a wholly-owned subsidiary of GBL, is an investment adviser registered under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, as amended ("Advisers Act"). GAMCO is an investment manager providing discretionary managed account services for employee benefit plans, private investors, endowments, foundations and others.

GSI, a majority-owned subsidiary of GBL, is an investment adviser registered under the Advisers Act and serves as a general partner or investment manager to limited partnerships and offshore investment companies and other accounts. As a part of its business, GSI may purchase or sell securities for its own account. GSI is a general partner or investment manager of a number of funds or partnerships, including Gabelli Associates Fund, L.P., Gabelli Associates Fund II, L.P., Gabelli Associates Limited, Gabelli Associates Limited II E, ALCE Partners, L.P., Gabelli Capital Structure Arbitrage Fund LP, Gabelli Capital Structure Arbitrage Fund Limited, Gabelli Intermediate Credit Fund L.P., Gabelli Japanese Value Partners L.P., GAMA Select Energy + L.P., GAMCO Medical Opportunities L.P., GAMCO Long/Short Equity Fund, L.P., Gabelli Multimedia Partners, L.P., Gabelli International Gold Fund Limited and Gabelli Green Long/Short Fund, L.P.

G.research, a wholly-owned subsidiary of GSI, is a broker-dealer registered under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended ("1934 Act"), which as a part of its business regularly purchases and sells securities for its own account.

Gabelli Funds, a wholly owned subsidiary of GBL, is a limited liability company. Gabelli Funds is an investment adviser registered under the Advisers Act which provides advisory services for The Gabelli Equity Trust Inc., The Gabelli Asset Fund, The GAMCO Growth Fund, The Gabelli Convertible and Income Securities Fund Inc., The Gabelli Value 25 Fund Inc., The Gabelli Small Cap Growth Fund, The Gabelli Equity Income Fund, The Gabelli ABC Fund, The GAMCO Global Telecommunications Fund, The Gabelli Gold Fund, Inc., The Gabelli Multimedia Trust Inc., The Gabelli Global Rising Income & Dividend Fund, The Gabelli Capital Asset Fund, The GAMCO International Growth Fund, Inc., The GAMCO Global Growth Fund, The Gabelli Utility Trust, The GAMCO Global



Opportunity Fund, The Gabelli Utilities Fund, The Gabelli Dividend Growth Fund, The GAMCO Mathers Fund, The Gabelli Focus Five Fund, The Comstock Capital Value Fund, The Gabelli Dividend and Income Trust, The Gabelli Global Utility & Income Trust, The GAMCO Global Gold, Natural Resources, & Income Trust, The GAMCO Natural Resources Gold & Income Trust, The GDL Fund, Gabelli Enterprise Mergers & Acquisitions Fund, The Gabelli SRI Fund, Inc., The Gabelli Healthcare & Wellness<sup>Rx</sup> Trust, and The Gabelli Global Small and Mid Cap Value Trust (collectively, the "Funds"), which are registered investment companies. Gabelli Funds is also the investment adviser to The GAMCO International SICAV (sub-funds GAMCO Strategic Value and GAMCO Merger Arbitrage), a UCITS III vehicle.

Teton Advisors, an investment adviser registered under the Advisers Act, provides discretionary advisory services to The TETON Westwood Mighty Mites<sup>SM</sup> Fund, The TETON Westwood Income Fund, The TETON Westwood SmallCap Equity Fund, and The TETON Westwood Mid-Cap Equity Fund.

MJG Associates provides advisory services to private investment partnerships and offshore funds. Mario Gabelli is the sole shareholder, director and employee of MJG Associates. MJG Associates is the Investment Manager of Gabelli International Limited and Gabelli Fund, LDC. Mario J. Gabelli is the general partner of Gabelli Performance Partnership, LP.

The Foundation is a private foundation. Mario Gabelli is the Chairman, a Trustee and the Investment Manager of the Foundation. Elisa M. Wilson is the President of the Foundation.

Mario Gabelli is the controlling stockholder, Chief Executive Officer and a director of GGCP and Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of GBL. Mario Gabelli is also a member of GGCP Holdings. Mario Gabelli is the controlling shareholder of Teton.

MJG-IV is a family partnership in which Mario Gabelli is the general partner. Mario Gabelli has less than a 100% interest in MJG-IV. MJG-IV makes investments for its own account. Mario Gabelli disclaims ownership of the securities held by MJG-IV beyond his pecuniary interest.

The Reporting Persons do not admit that they constitute a group.

GAMCO and G.research are New York corporations and GBL, GSI, and Teton Advisors are Delaware corporations, each having its principal business office at One Corporate Center, Rye, New York 10580. GGCP is a Wyoming corporation having its principal business office at 140 Greenwich Avenue, Greenwich, CT 06830. GGCP Holdings is a Delaware limited liability corporation having its principal business office at 140 Greenwich Avenue, Greenwich, CT 06830. Gabelli Funds is a New York limited liability company having its principal business office at One Corporate Center, Rye, New York 10580. MJG Associates is a Connecticut corporation having its principal business office at 140 Greenwich Avenue, Greenwich, CT 06830. The Foundation is a Nevada corporation having its principal offices at 165 West Liberty Street, Reno, Nevada 89501.

For information required by instruction C to Schedule 13D with respect to the executive officers and directors of the foregoing entities and other related persons (collectively, "Covered Persons"), reference is made to Schedule I annexed hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

(d) – Not applicable.

(e) – Not applicable.

(f) – Reference is made to Schedule I hereto.

Item 3. Source and Amount of Funds or Other Consideration

The Reporting Persons used an aggregate of approximately \$6,246,610 to purchase the Securities reported as beneficially owned in Item 5. GAMCO used approximately \$1,706,109 of funds that were provided through the accounts of certain of their investment advisory clients (and, in the case of some of such accounts at GAMCO, may be through borrowings from client margin accounts) in order to purchase the Securities for such clients. GSI used approximately \$52,443 of client funds to purchase the Securities reported by it. Teton used approximately \$4,488,058 of funds of investment advisory clients to purchase the Securities reported by it.

Item 4. Purpose of Tr