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

FORM S-3
REGISTRATION STATEMENT
UNDER
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

UNITIL CORPORATION
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

New Hampshire
(State or Other Jurisdiction of
Incorporation or Organization)

02-0381573
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

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Approximate date of commencement of proposed sale to the public: From time to time after this registration statement becomes effective.

If the only securities being registered on this Form are being offered pursuant to dividend or interest reinvestment plans, please check the following box.

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If any of the securities being registered on this Form are to be offered on a delayed or continuous basis pursuant to Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933, other than securities offered only in connection with dividend or interest reinvestment plans, check the following box.

If this Form is filed to register additional securities for an offering pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act of 1933, please check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.

If this Form is a post-effective amendment filed pursuant to Rule 462(c) under the Securities Act of 1933, check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.

If this Form is a registration statement pursuant to General Instruction I.D. or a post-effective amendment thereto that shall become effective upon filing with the Commission pursuant to Rule 462(e) under the Securities Act of 1933, check the following box.

If this Form is a post-effective amendment to a registration statement filed pursuant to General Instruction I.D. filed to register additional securities or additional classes of securities pursuant to Rule 413(b) under the Securities Act of 1933, check the following box.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, a smaller reporting company, or an emerging growth company. See the definitions of “large accelerated filer,” “accelerated filer,” “smaller reporting company,” and “emerging growth company” in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large Accelerated Filer Accelerated Filer
Non-accelerated filers (Do not check if a smaller reporting company) Smaller reporting company
Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 7(a)(2)(B) of Securities Act.

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Title of Each Class of Securities to be Registered	Amount to be Registered	Proposed Maximum Offering Price Per Unit	Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price (1)	Amount of Registration Fee (1)
Common Stock, No Par Value			\$75,000,000	\$9,337.50

(1) Pursuant to Rule 457(o) of the Securities Act of 1933, the registration fee has been calculated on the basis of the proposed maximum aggregate offering price and the number of shares of common stock being registered has been omitted from the table.

The Registrant hereby amends this Registration Statement on such date or dates as may be necessary to delay its effective date until the Registrant shall file a further amendment which specifically states that this Registration Statement shall thereafter become effective in accordance with Section 8(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 or until the Registration Statement shall become effective on such date as the Commission, acting pursuant to said Section 8(a), may determine.

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The information in this prospectus is not complete and may be changed. We cannot sell these securities until the Securities and Exchange Commission declares our registration statement effective. This prospectus is not an offer to sell these securities and is not soliciting an offer to buy these securities in any state where the offer or sale is not permitted.

Subject to completion, dated November 3, 2017

PROSPECTUS

Registration No. 333-_____

\$75,000,000



Common Stock

By this prospectus, Unitil Corporation may offer from time to time, in one or more offerings, up to \$75,000,000 of its common stock.

We will provide the specific terms of any offering in supplements to this prospectus. We can only use this prospectus to offer and sell our common stock by also including a prospectus supplement relating to that offer and sale.

We may sell the common stock directly to you, through agents that we select or through underwriters and dealers that we select. If we use agents, underwriters or dealers to sell the securities, we will name them and describe their compensation in a prospectus supplement.

Our common stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "UTL."

Investing in our common stock involves risks. Please see the section entitled [Risk Factors](#) beginning on page 4 of this prospectus.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or determined if this prospectus is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

The date of this prospectus is _____, 2017.



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ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS

This prospectus is part of a registration statement that we filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”) using a “shelf” registration process. Under this shelf registration process, we may sell the common stock described in this prospectus from time to time in one or more offerings. This prospectus provides you with a general description of the common stock that we may offer. We may also add, update or change information contained in this prospectus through one or more supplements to this prospectus. Any statement that we make in this prospectus will be modified or superseded by any inconsistent statement made by us in a prospectus supplement. The rules of the SEC allow us to incorporate by reference information into this prospectus. This information incorporated by reference is considered to be a part of this prospectus, and information that we file later with the SEC will automatically update and supersede this information. You should read both this prospectus and any prospectus supplement together with additional information described in the section entitled *Where You Can Find More Information*.

No person has been authorized to give any information or to make any representations other than those contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus and, if given or made, such information or representation must not be relied upon as having been authorized by us or any underwriter, agent, or dealer. Neither the delivery of this prospectus nor any sale made hereunder shall under any circumstances create any implication that there has been no change in our affairs since the date hereof or that the information contained or incorporated by reference herein is correct as of any time subsequent to the date of such information. This prospectus does not constitute an offer to sell or a solicitation of an offer to buy any shares of common stock by anyone in any jurisdiction in which such offer or solicitation is not authorized or in which the person making such offer or solicitation is not qualified to do so or to any person to whom it is unlawful to make such offer or solicitation.

The information in this prospectus is accurate as of its date. Therefore, before you invest in our common stock, you should carefully read this prospectus and any prospectus supplement relating to the common stock offered to you together with the additional information described in the section entitled *Where You Can Find More Information*.

In this prospectus, the “Company,” “Unitil,” “we,” “us,” and “our” refer to Unitil Corporation and its subsidiaries, unless the context otherwise requires.

WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

We file annual, quarterly and current reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC. Our filings are available to the public over the internet at the SEC’s web site at <http://www.sec.gov>. You may also read and copy any document we file with the SEC at its Public Reference Room at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. You can obtain further information on the operation of the Public Reference Room by calling the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330. Our common stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol “UTL.”

This prospectus is part of a registration statement that we filed with the SEC on Form S-3. This prospectus does not contain all of the information set forth in the registration statement and its exhibits, portions of which have been omitted as permitted by the rules and regulations of the SEC. You may refer to the registration statement and the exhibits for more information about the securities and us. You may inspect the registration statement and exhibits without charge at the SEC’s Public Reference Room or at the SEC’s website.

The SEC allows us to “incorporate by reference” into this prospectus the information we file with it, which means that we can disclose important information to you by referring to those documents. The information incorporated by reference is an important part of this prospectus, and information that we file later with the SEC will automatically update and supersede information in this prospectus. We incorporate by reference the documents listed below into this prospectus, and any future filings made by us with the SEC under Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, until this offering is complete. In addition, any filings made by us with the SEC under Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, after the date of the initial registration statement and prior to the effectiveness of the registration statement shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference into this prospectus. The documents we incorporate by reference include:

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- our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2016;
- our Current Report on Form 8-K dated January 25, 2017 (other than Items 7.01 and 9.01 thereof);
- our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended March 31, 2017;
- our Current Report on Form 8-K dated April 21, 2017;
- our Current Report on Form 8-K dated April 26, 2017 (other than Items 7.01 and 9.01 thereof);
- our Current Report on Form 8-K/A dated April 26, 2017 (other than Items 7.01 and 9.01 thereof);
- our Current Report on Form 8-K dated May 1, 2017;
- our Current Report on Form 8-K dated July 14, 2017;
- our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended June 30, 2017;
- our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended September 30, 2017;
- our Current Report on Form 8-K dated November 3, 2017; and
- the description of our common stock, no par value, contained in the registration statement on Form 8-A/A filed on November 3, 2017.

You may request a copy of any of these documents at no cost (other than an exhibit to the filing unless we have specifically incorporated that exhibit by reference into the filing) by writing or telephoning us at the following address:

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CAUTIONARY STATEMENT ABOUT FORWARD-LOOKING INFORMATION

This prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference into this prospectus contain statements that may constitute “forward-looking statements” within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. All statements, other than statements of historical fact, included or incorporated by reference into this prospectus, including, without limitation, statements regarding the financial position, business strategy and other plans and objectives for our future operations, are forward-looking statements.

These statements include declarations regarding our beliefs and current expectations. In some cases, forward-looking statements can be identified by terminology such as “may,” “will,” “should,” “expects,” “plans,” “anticipates,” “believes,” “estimates,” “predicts,” “potential” or “continue” or the negative of such terms or other comparable terminology. These forward-looking statements are subject to inherent risks and uncertainties in predicting future results and conditions that could cause the actual results to differ materially from those projected in these forward-looking statements. Some, but not all, of the risks and uncertainties include those referred to in the section entitled *Risk Factors* and the following:

- our regulatory environment (including regulations relating to climate change, greenhouse gas emissions and other environmental matters), which could affect the rates we are able to charge, our authorized rate of return and our ability to recover costs in our rates;

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- fluctuations in the supply of, demand for, and the prices of gas and electric energy commodities and transmission and transportation capacity and our ability to recover energy supply costs in our rates;
- customers' preferred energy sources;
- severe storms and our ability to recover storm costs in our rates;
- declines in the valuation of capital markets, which could require us to make substantial cash contributions to cover our pension obligations, and our ability to recover pension obligation costs in our rates;
- general economic conditions, which could adversely affect (i) our customers and, consequently, the demand for our distribution services, (ii) the availability of credit and liquidity resources and (iii) certain of our counterparty's obligations (including those of our insurers and lenders);
- our ability to obtain debt or equity financing on acceptable terms;
- increases in interest rates, which could increase our interest expense;
- restrictive covenants contained in the terms of our and our subsidiaries' indebtedness, which restrict certain aspects of our business operations;
- variations in weather, which could decrease demand for our distribution services;
- long-term global climate change, which could adversely affect customer demand or cause extreme weather events that could disrupt our electric and natural gas distribution services;
- numerous hazards and operating risks relating to our electric and natural gas distribution activities, which could result in accidents and other operating risks and costs;
- catastrophic events;
- our ability to retain our existing customers and attract new customers; and
- increased competition.

Many of these risks are beyond our control. Any forward-looking statement speaks only as of the date on which such statement is made, and we undertake no obligation to update any forward-looking statement to reflect events or circumstances after the date on which such statement is made or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events, except as required by law. New factors emerge from time to time, and it is not possible for us to predict all of these factors, nor can we assess the impact of any such factor on our business or the extent to which any factor, or combination of factors, may cause results to differ materially from those contained in any forward-looking statements.

OUR COMPANY

We are a public utility holding company. The following companies are subsidiaries of Unitil:

- Unitil Energy Systems, Inc. ("Unitil Energy");
- Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company ("Fitchburg");
- Northern Utilities, Inc. ("Northern Utilities");
- Granite State Gas Transmission, Inc. ("Granite State");
- Unitil Power Corp. ("Unitil Power");

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- Unital Realty Corp. (“Unital Realty”);
- Unital Service Corp. (“Unital Service”);
- Unital Resources, Inc. (“Unital Resources”);
- Usource, Inc.; and
- Usource L.L.C.

Unital and its subsidiaries are subject to comprehensive regulation by federal and state utility regulatory authorities, including regulation as a holding company system by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission under the Energy Policy Act of 2005.

Our principal business is the local distribution of electricity and natural gas throughout our service territories in the states of New Hampshire, Massachusetts and Maine. Unital is the parent company of three distribution utilities: (i) Unital Energy, which provides electric service in the southeastern seacoast and state capital regions of New Hampshire, including the capital city of Concord; (ii) Fitchburg, which provides both electric and natural gas service in the greater Fitchburg area of north central Massachusetts; and (iii) Northern Utilities, which provides natural gas service in southeastern New Hampshire and portions of southern and central Maine, including the city of Portland, which is the largest city in northern New England. In addition, Unital is the parent company of Granite State, an interstate natural gas transmission pipeline company that provides interstate natural gas pipeline access and transportation services to Northern Utilities in its New Hampshire and Maine service territory. Unital’s operating revenue is substantially derived from regulated natural gas and electric distribution utility operations.

A fifth utility subsidiary, Unital Power, formerly functioned as the full requirements wholesale power supply provider for Unital Energy, but currently has limited business and operating activities. In connection with the implementation of electric industry restructuring in New Hampshire, Unital Power ceased being the wholesale supplier of Unital Energy in 2003 and divested substantially all of its long-term power supply contracts through the sale of the entitlements to the electricity associated with those contracts.

Unital also has three other wholly owned non-utility subsidiaries: (i) Unital Service; (ii) Unital Realty; and (iii) Unital Resources. Unital Service provides, at cost, a variety of administrative and professional services, including regulatory, financial, accounting, human resources, engineering, operations, technology and energy supply management services on a centralized basis to its affiliated Unital companies. Unital Realty owns and manages our corporate office in Hampton, New Hampshire and leases this facility to Unital Service under a long-term lease arrangement. Unital Resources is our wholly owned non-regulated subsidiary. Usource, Inc. and Usource L.L.C. (collectively, “Usource”) are indirect subsidiaries of Unital that are wholly owned by Unital Resources. Usource provides energy brokering and advisory services to a national client base of large commercial and industrial customers.

RISK FACTORS

Investing in our common stock involves risks. You should carefully consider the risks described in our filings with the SEC referred to in the section entitled *Where You Can Find More Information* and in the section entitled *Cautionary Statement About Forward-Looking Information*, as well as those included in any prospectus supplement hereto. For example, our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016 contains a discussion of significant risks in the section entitled *Risk Factors*, which could be relevant to your investment in our common stock. Subsequent filings with the SEC may contain amended and updated discussions of significant risks.

USE OF PROCEEDS

Unless we specify otherwise in the applicable prospectus supplement accompanying this prospectus, we intend to use the net proceeds that we receive from the sale of the common stock covered by this prospectus for general corporate purposes, including capital contributions to our utility subsidiaries, repayment of debt, acquisitions, capital expenditures and working capital.

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The actual application of proceeds that we receive from the sale of any particular offering of common stock using this prospectus will be described in the applicable prospectus supplement relating to such offering.

DESCRIPTION OF COMMON STOCK

The following description of our common stock summarizes general terms that apply to our common stock. Because this is only a summary, it does not contain all of the information that may be important to you. This summary is subject to and qualified in its entirety by reference to our Articles of Incorporation, as amended, and Third Amended and Restated By-Laws. See the section entitled *Where You Can Find More Information*.

Authorized and Outstanding Shares

Our authorized capital stock consists of 25,000,000 shares of common stock, no par value. As of November 1, 2017, 14,120,863 shares of Unitil Corporation's common stock were issued and outstanding. Unitil Corporation is not authorized to issue any shares of preferred stock. All of the common stock outstanding is fully paid and nonassessable.

Dividend Rights

Holders of our common stock are entitled to those dividends as may be declared from time to time by our Board of Directors. We may pay dividends on our common stock from any funds, property or shares legally available for this purpose.

Voting Rights and Cumulative Voting

Each holder of our common stock is entitled to one vote per share on all matters submitted to a vote of the holders of our common stock. Holders of common stock do not have cumulative voting rights.

Preemptive Rights

The holders of our common stock have no preemptive rights to purchase additional shares of our common stock or any of our other securities.

Liquidation Rights

In the event that we are liquidated, after payment of our debts and liabilities, the holders of our common stock are entitled to share equally in the balance of our remaining assets, if any.

Transfer Agent and Registrar

Computershare Investor Services serves as the transfer agent and registrar of our common stock.

Staggered Board of Directors

Our Articles of Incorporation, as amended, and our Third Amended and Restated By-Laws provide for a Board of Directors of between nine and fifteen directors divided into three classes, each class being as nearly equal in number as possible, and each with their respective terms of office arranged so that the term of office of one class expires in each year, at which time a corresponding number of directors is elected for a term of three years. We currently have eleven directors.

Our staggered Board of Directors may delay, deter or prevent a tender offer or takeover attempt that a holder of shares of our common stock might consider is in his, her or its best interest, including those attempts that might result in a premium over the market price of the shares of our common stock.

Listing

Our common stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "UTL."

PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

We may sell the offered securities in and outside the United States:

- through underwriters or dealers;
- directly to purchasers;
- in a rights offering;
- in “at-the-market” offerings, within the meaning of Rule 415(a)(4) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, to or through a market maker or into an existing trading market on an exchange or otherwise;
- through agents; or
- through a combination of any of these methods.

The prospectus supplement will include the following information:

- the terms of the offering;
- the names of any underwriters, dealers or agents;
- the name or names of any managing underwriter or underwriters;
- the purchase price or public offering price of the securities;
- the net proceeds from the sale of the securities;
- any delayed delivery arrangements;
- any underwriting discounts, commissions and other items constituting underwriters’ compensation;
- any discounts or concessions allowed or reallocated or paid to dealers;
- any commissions or other compensation paid to agents; and
- any securities exchanges on which the securities may be listed.

Sale through Underwriters or Dealers

If underwriters are used in the sale, we will execute an underwriting agreement with them regarding the securities. The underwriters will acquire the securities for their own account, subject to conditions in the underwriting agreement. The underwriters may resell the securities from time to time in one or more transactions, including negotiated transactions, at a fixed public offering price or at varying prices determined at the time of sale. Underwriters may offer the securities to the public either through underwriting syndicates represented by one or more managing underwriters or directly by one or more firms acting as underwriters. Unless we inform you otherwise in the prospectus supplement, the obligations of the underwriters to purchase the securities will be subject to certain conditions, and the underwriters will be obligated to purchase all the offered securities if they purchase any of them. The underwriters may change from time to time any public offering price and any discounts or concessions allowed or reallocated or paid to dealers.

During and after an offering through underwriters, the underwriters may purchase and sell the securities in the open market. To the extent expressly set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement, these transactions may include over-allotment and stabilizing transactions and purchases to cover syndicate short positions created in connection with the offering. The underwriters may also impose a penalty bid, which means that selling concessions

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allowed to syndicate members or other broker-dealers for the offered securities sold for their account may be reclaimed by the syndicate if the offered securities are repurchased by the syndicate in stabilizing or covering transactions. These activities may stabilize, maintain or otherwise affect the market price of the offered securities, which may be higher than the price that might otherwise prevail in the open market. If commenced, the underwriters may discontinue these activities at any time.

Some or all of the securities that we offer through this prospectus may be new issues of securities with no established trading market. Any underwriters to whom we sell our securities for public offering and sale may make a market in those securities, but they will not be obligated to do so and they may discontinue any market making at any time without notice. Accordingly, we cannot assure you of the liquidity of, or continued trading markets for, any securities that we offer.

If dealers are used in the sale of the securities, we will sell the securities to them as principals. They may then resell the securities to the public at varying prices determined by the dealers at the time of resale. We will include in the prospectus supplement the names of the dealers and the terms of the transaction. Unless we inform you otherwise in the prospectus supplement, any dealer will agree to use its reasonable best efforts to solicit purchases for the period of its appointment.

Direct Sales and Sales through Agents

We may sell the securities directly. In this case, no underwriters or agents would be involved. We may also sell the securities through agents designated from time to time. In the prospectus supplement, we will name any agent involved in the offer or sale of the offered securities, and we will describe any commissions payable to the agent. Unless we inform you otherwise in the prospectus supplement, any agent will agree to use its reasonable best efforts to solicit purchases for the period of its appointment.

We may sell the securities directly to institutional investors or others who may be deemed to be underwriters within the meaning of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, with respect to any sale of those securities. We will describe the terms of any sales of these securities in the prospectus supplement.

Delayed Delivery Contracts

If we so indicate in the prospectus supplement, we may authorize agents, underwriters or dealers to solicit offers from certain types of institutions to purchase securities from us at the public offering price under delayed delivery contracts. Institutions with which such contracts may be made include commercial and savings banks, insurance companies, pension funds, investment companies, educational and charitable institutions and others, but in all cases such institutions must be approved by us. These contracts would provide for payment and delivery on a specified date in the future. The contracts would be subject only to those conditions described in the prospectus supplement. The prospectus supplement will describe the commission payable for solicitation of those contracts.

FINRA Requirements

If at the time of any offering made under this prospectus a member of FINRA participating in the offering has a "conflict of interest" as defined in FINRA Rule 5121 ("Rule 5121"), that offering will be conducted in accordance with the relevant provisions of Rule 5121.

General Information

We may have agreements with the agents, dealers, underwriters and remarketing firms to indemnify them against certain civil liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or to contribute with respect to payments that the agents, dealers, underwriters or remarketing firms may be required to make. Agents, dealers, underwriters and remarketing firms may be customers of, engage in transactions with or perform services for us in the ordinary course of their businesses.

LEGAL MATTERS

The validity of the shares of common stock to be sold under this prospectus will be passed upon for us by Gary Epler, our Chief Regulatory Counsel. As of November 1, 2017, Mr. Epler beneficially owned approximately 9,568 shares of our common stock. Certain legal matters with respect to the shares of common stock will be passed upon for any underwriters, dealers or agents, by their own counsel.

EXPERTS

The consolidated financial statements of Unitil Corporation as of December 31, 2016 and 2015 and for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2016 included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016 and the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting incorporated by reference in this prospectus have been so incorporated in reliance on the report of Deloitte & Touche LLP, independent registered public accountants, given on the authority of said firm as experts in auditing and accounting.

PART II.

INFORMATION NOT REQUIRED IN PROSPECTUS

ITEM 14: OTHER EXPENSES OF ISSUANCE AND DISTRIBUTION

The following table sets forth the expenses in connection with the sale and distribution of the common stock offered by this registration statement, other than underwriting discounts and commissions (all of which are to be paid by the Registrant). All amounts shown are estimates except for the SEC registration fee:

SEC Registration Fee	\$ 9,337.50
Legal Fees and Expenses	200,000.00
Accounting Fees and Expenses	60,000.00
Transfer Agent and Registrar Fees and Expenses	6,000.00
Printing, Engraving and Mailing Expenses	60,000.00
New York Stock Exchange Listing Fee	5,000.00
Miscellaneous	12,000.00
Total	\$352,337.50

ITEM 15: INDEMNIFICATION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

The Registrant is organized under the laws of the State of New Hampshire. The New Hampshire Business Corporation Act (the "NHBCA") provides that a corporation may indemnify an individual made a party to a proceeding because he is or was a director against liability (which includes liabilities under the Securities Act of 1933) incurred in the proceeding if: (1) he conducted himself in good faith; and (2) he reasonably believed (i) in the case of conduct in his official capacity with the corporation, that his conduct was in its best interests; and (ii) in all other cases, that his conduct was at least not opposed to its best interests; and (3) in the case of any criminal proceeding, he had no reasonable cause to believe his conduct was unlawful. A corporation may pay for or reimburse the reasonable expenses incurred by a director who is a party to a proceeding in advance of the final disposition of the proceeding if (1) the director furnishes the corporation a written affirmation of his good faith belief that he has met the standard of conduct described in the preceding sentence, (2) the director furnishes the corporation a written undertaking, executed personally or on his behalf, to repay the advance if it is ultimately determined that he did not meet the standard of conduct and (3) a determination is made that the facts then known to those making the determination would not preclude indemnification. Unless a corporation's Articles of Incorporation provide otherwise, the corporation may indemnify and advance expenses to an officer, employee or agent of the corporation who is not a director to the same extent as to a director. A corporation may not indemnify a director (x) in connection with a proceeding by or in the right of the corporation in which the director was adjudged liable to the corporation; or (y) in connection with any other proceeding charging improper personal benefit to him, whether or not involving action in his official capacity, in which he was adjudged liable on the basis that personal benefit was improperly received by him. Unless limited by its Articles of Incorporation, a corporation shall indemnify a director or officer who was wholly successful, on the merits or otherwise, in the defense of any proceeding to which he was a party because he is or was a director or officer of the corporation against reasonable expenses incurred by him in connection with the proceeding. A corporation may purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of an individual who is or was a director, officer, employee, or agent of the corporation, or who, while a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation, is or was serving at the request of the corporation as a director, officer, partner, trustee, employee, or agent of another foreign or domestic corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, employee benefit plan, or other enterprise, against liability asserted against or incurred by him in that capacity or arising from his status as a director, officer, employee, or agent, whether or not the corporation would have power to indemnify him against the same liability under the NHBCA.

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Article XII of the Registrant's Third Amended and Restated By-Laws provides that the Registrant shall indemnify any person who was or is a party, or is threatened to be made a party, to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative, by reason of the person's having served as, or by reason of the person's alleged acts or omissions while serving as, a director, officer, employee or agent of the Registrant, or while serving at the request of the Registrant as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, against expenses, including attorneys' fees, judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement or otherwise actually and reasonably incurred by such person in connection with the action, suit or proceeding, if the person acted in good faith and in a manner he reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the Registrant, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe his conduct was unlawful, said indemnification to be to the full extent permitted by law under the circumstances, including, without limitation, by all applicable provisions of the NHBCA. Any indemnification under Article XII shall be made by the Registrant with respect to directors or other persons after a determination that the person to be indemnified has met the standards of conduct set forth in the NHBCA, such determination to be made by the Board of Directors, by majority vote of a quorum, or by other persons authorized to make such a determination under the NHBCA.

The right of indemnification arising under Article XII of the Registrant's Third Amended and Restated By-Laws was adopted for the purpose of inducing persons to serve and to continue to serve the Registrant without concern that their service may expose them to personal financial harm. It is to be broadly construed, applied and implemented in light of that purpose. It is not to be exclusive of any other right to which any such person is entitled under any agreement, vote of the stockholders or the Board of Directors, statute, or as a matter of law, or otherwise, nor is it to be construed to limit or confine in any respect the power of the Board of Directors to grant indemnity pursuant to any applicable statutes or laws of the State of New Hampshire. The provisions of Article XII are separable, and, if any provision or portion thereof is for any reason held inapplicable, illegal or ineffective, such holding will not affect any other right of indemnification existing under Article XII or otherwise. As used in Article XII, the term "person" includes heirs, executors, administrators or other legal representatives. As used in Article XII, the terms "director" and "officer" include persons elected or appointed as officers by the Board of Directors, persons elected as directors by the stockholders or by the Board of Directors, and persons who serve by vote or at the request of the Registrant as directors, officers or trustees of another organization in which the Registrant has any direct or indirect interest as a shareholder, creditor or otherwise.

Article XII of the Registrant's Third Amended and Restated By-Laws also allows the Registrant to purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any person who was or is a director, officer or employee of the Registrant or any of its subsidiaries, or who was or is serving at the request of the Registrant as a fiduciary of any employee benefit plan of the Registrant or any subsidiary, against any liability (which includes liabilities under the Securities Act of 1933) asserted against, and incurred by, such person in any such capacity, or arising out of such person's status as such, whether or not the Registrant would have the power to indemnify such person against such liability under the provisions of the NHBCA. The obligation to indemnify and reimburse such person under the Registrant's Third Amended and Restated By-Laws, if applicable, will be reduced by the amount of any such insurance proceeds paid to such person, or the representatives or successors of such person.

Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933 may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the Registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the Registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Securities and Exchange Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act of 1933 and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the Registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the Registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the Registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act of 1933 and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

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ITEM 16: EXHIBITS

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description of Exhibit</u>	<u>Reference</u>
1.1	Underwriting Agreement	To be filed by amendment or on a subsequent Form 8-K.
4.1	Articles of Incorporation of Unital Corporation	Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-14 No. 2-93769 dated October 12, 1984.(P)
4.2	Articles of Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation of Unital Corporation filed on March 4, 1992	Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1991 (SEC File No. 1-8858).(P)
4.3	<u>Articles of Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation of Unital Corporation filed on September 23, 2008</u>	<u>Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.3 to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-3/A No. 333-152823 dated November 25, 2008.</u>
4.4	<u>Articles of Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation of Unital Corporation filed on April 27, 2011</u>	<u>Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.4 to the Registrant's Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 to Registration Statement on Form S-3/A No. 333-168394 dated January 28, 2014.</u>
4.5	<u>Third Amended and Restated By-Laws of Unital Corporation</u>	<u>Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K dated December 12, 2013 (SEC File No. 1-8858).</u>
5.1	<u>Opinion of Gary Epler</u>	Filed herewith.
23.1	<u>Consent of Gary Epler</u>	Included in Exhibit 5.1.
23.2	<u>Consent of Deloitte & Touche LLP</u>	Filed herewith.
24.1	<u>Powers of Attorney</u>	Filed herewith (included on page II-6).

(P) Paper Exhibit

ITEM 17: UNDERTAKINGS

The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes:

(a)(1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this registration statement:

(i) To include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act of 1933;

(ii) To reflect in the prospectus any acts or events arising after the effective date of the registration statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in the registration statement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any increase or decrease in volume of securities offered (if the total dollar value of securities offered would not exceed that which was registered) and any deviation from the low or high end of the estimated maximum offering range may be reflected in the form of prospectus filed with the SEC pursuant to Rule 424(b) if, in the aggregate, the changes in volume and price represent no more than a twenty percent (20%) change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the "Calculation of Registration Fee" table in the effective registration statement; and

(iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the registration statement or any material change to such information in the registration statement;

Provided, however, that paragraphs (a)(1)(i), (a)(1)(ii) and (a)(1)(iii) of this section do not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in reports filed with or furnished to the Commission by the registrant pursuant to section 13 or section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 that are incorporated by reference in the registration statement, or is contained in a form of prospectus filed pursuant to Rule 424(b) that is part of the registration statement.

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(2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered herein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

(3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.

(4) That, for the purpose of determining liability under the Securities Act of 1933 to any purchaser:

(i) Each prospectus filed by the registrant pursuant to Rule 424(b)(3) shall be deemed to be part of the registration statement as of the date the filed prospectus was deemed part of and included in the registration statement; and

(ii) Each prospectus required to be filed pursuant to Rule 424(b)(2), (b)(5), or (b)(7) as part of a registration statement in reliance on Rule 430B relating to an offering made pursuant to Rule 415(a)(1)(i), (vii), or (x) for the purpose of providing the information required by Section 10(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 shall be deemed to be part of and included in the registration statement as of the earlier of the date such form of prospectus is first used after effectiveness or the date of the first contract of sale of securities in the offering described in the prospectus. As provided in Rule 430B, for liability purposes of the issuer and any person that is at that date an underwriter, such date shall be deemed to be a new effective date of the registration statement relating to the securities in the registration statement to which that prospectus relates, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial *bona fide* offering thereof; *provided, however*, that no statement made in a registration statement or prospectus that is a part of the registration statement or made in a document incorporated or deemed incorporated by reference into the registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement will, as to a purchaser with a time of contract of sale prior to such effective date, supersede or modify any statement that was made in the registration statement or prospectus that was part of the registration statement or made in any such document immediately prior to such effective date.

(5) That, for the purpose of determining liability of the registrant under the Securities Act of 1933 to any purchaser in the initial distribution of the securities:

The undersigned registrant undertakes that in a primary offering of securities of the undersigned registrant pursuant to this registration statement, regardless of the underwriting method used to sell the securities to the purchaser, if the securities are offered or sold to such purchaser by means of any of the following communications, the undersigned registrant will be a seller to the purchaser and will be considered to offer or sell such securities to such purchaser:

(i) Any preliminary prospectus or prospectus of the undersigned registrant relating to the offering required to be filed pursuant to Rule 424;

(ii) Any free writing prospectus relating to the offering prepared by or on behalf of the undersigned registrant or used or referred to by the undersigned registrant;

(iii) The portion of any other free writing prospectus relating to the offering containing material information about the undersigned registrant or its securities provided by or on behalf of the undersigned registrant; and

(iv) Any other communication that is an offer in the offering made by the undersigned registrant to the purchaser.

(b) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each filing of the registrant's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) that is incorporated by reference in the registration statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered herein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial *bona fide* offering thereof.

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(c) Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933 may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of each registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Securities and Exchange Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act of 1933 and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act of 1933 and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that each person whose signature appears below constitutes and appoints Robert G. Schoenberger and Mark H. Collin, and each of them, his or her true and lawful attorneys-in-fact and agents, with full power of substitution and resubstitution, from such person and in each person's name, place and stead, in any and all capacities, to sign any and all amendments (including post-effective amendments) to the registration statement and any registration statement relating to this registration statement under Rule 462 and to file the same, with all exhibits thereto and other documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, granting unto said attorneys-in-fact and agents, full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary to be done as fully to all intents and purposes as he or she might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorneys-in-fact and agents, or any of them, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

Signatures

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, the Registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized in the Town of Hampton, State of New Hampshire, on this 3rd day of November, 2017.

UNITIL CORPORATION
(Registrant)

By: /s/ Mark H. Collin

Mark H. Collin
Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, this registration statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

<u>Signature</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>
<u>/s/ Robert G. Schoenberger</u> Robert G. Schoenberger	Director, Chairman of the Board, Chief Executive Officer and President (Principal Executive Officer)	November 3, 2017
<u>/s/ Mark H. Collin</u> Mark H. Collin	Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer (Principal Financial Officer)	November 3, 2017
<u>/s/ Laurence M. Brock</u> Laurence M. Brock	Controller and Chief Accounting Officer (Principal Accounting Officer)	November 3, 2017
<u>/s/ Dr. Robert V. Antonucci</u> Dr. Robert V. Antonucci	Director	November 3, 2017
<u>/s/ David P. Brownell</u> David P. Brownell	Director	November 3, 2017
<u>/s/ Lisa Crutchfield</u> Lisa Crutchfield	Director	November 3, 2017
<u>/s/ Albert H. Elfner, III</u> Albert H. Elfner, III	Director	November 3, 2017
<u>/s/ Edward F. Godfrey</u> Edward F. Godfrey	Director	November 3, 2017
<u>/s/ Michael B. Green</u> Michael B. Green	Director	November 3, 2017
<u>/s/ Eben S. Moulton</u> Eben S. Moulton	Director	November 3, 2017
<u>/s/ M. Brian O'Shaughnessy</u> M. Brian O'Shaughnessy	Director	November 3, 2017

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<u>Signature</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>
<u>/s/ Dr. Sarah P. Voll</u> Dr. Sarah P. Voll	Director	November 3, 2017
<u>/s/ David A. Whiteley</u> David A. Whiteley	Director	November 3, 2017



November 3, 2017

Unitil Corporation
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Re: Unitil Corporation—Registration Statement on Form S-3

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am Chief Regulatory Counsel for Unitil Service Corp. In my capacity as Chief Regulatory Counsel, I advise and represent Unitil Corporation (the "Company") and its regulated subsidiaries in a broad range of corporate, business and regulatory matters. As a result, I have current knowledge of the legal activities of the Company. I have served in such capacity in connection with the filing by the Company with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") of a registration statement on Form S-3 filed on the date hereof (the "Registration Statement") under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Act"), relating to the issuance and sale, from time to time on a delayed or continuous basis pursuant to Rule 415 of the General Rules and Regulations promulgated under the Act, of up to \$75,000,000 of shares of common stock, no par value, of the Company (the "Shares").

In my capacity as Chief Regulatory Counsel, I am generally familiar with the proceedings taken and proposed to be taken by the Company in connection with the authorization and issuance of the Shares. In rendering the opinion set forth herein, I have examined, am familiar with, and relied on originals or copies, certified or otherwise identified to my satisfaction, of such documents, corporate records, certificates of officers of the Company and of public officials and such other instruments as I have deemed necessary or appropriate as a basis for the opinion expressed below, including (i) the Registration Statement, (ii) the Articles of Incorporation of the Company, as amended, as certified by the Secretary of State of the State of New Hampshire, (iii) the Third Amended and Restated By-Laws of the Company, certified to me by the Secretary of the Company to be true, correct, and complete as of the date hereof, and (iv) certain resolutions of the Board of Directors of the Company relating to the Shares and related matters. In addition, I have examined originals (or copies certified or otherwise identified to my satisfaction) of such other agreements, instruments, certificates, documents and records and have reviewed such questions of law, and made such inquiries, as I have deemed necessary or appropriate for the purposes of the opinion rendered herein. In my examination, I have assumed the

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genuineness of all signatures and the conformity to original documents of all copies submitted to me. I have also assumed the regularity of the Company's corporate proceedings. As to various questions of fact material to the opinion, I have relied on statements and certificates of officers and representatives of the Company and public officials.

In rendering the opinions expressed herein, I have assumed that: (i) the Registration Statement, and any amendments thereto (including any post-effective amendments), will have become effective and will comply with all then applicable laws and regulations and such effectiveness shall not have been terminated or rescinded; (ii) an applicable prospectus supplement will have been prepared and timely filed with the Commission describing the Shares; (iii) all Shares will be issued and sold in compliance with then applicable federal and state securities laws and in the manner stated in the Registration Statement and the applicable prospectus supplement; (iv) with respect to an underwritten offering, a definitive purchase, underwriting or similar agreement with respect to any Shares will be duly authorized and validly executed and delivered by the Company and the other parties thereto; (v) there will be sufficient shares of common stock, no par value, of the Company authorized under the Articles of Incorporation of the Company as in effect at the time of the offering of Shares and not otherwise reserved for other issuance; and (vi) with respect to any Shares, any other proceedings that are required by then applicable laws will be timely and properly completed in connection with such offering.

Based on and subject to the foregoing and to the other qualifications and limitations set forth herein, I am of the opinion that when (i) a prospectus supplement and any other offering materials with respect to the Shares will have been filed with the Commission in compliance with the Act and the rules and regulations thereunder then applicable, (ii) appropriate corporate action by the Company's Board of Directors or a duly authorized committee thereof will have been taken to authorize the issuance of Shares, (iii) any legally required consents, approvals, authorizations and orders of the Commission and any other regulatory authorities will have been obtained, (iv) the Shares will have been duly issued and delivered by the Company against payment of the agreed-upon consideration therefor in accordance with such corporate action, and (v) all of the foregoing actions will have been taken so as not to violate any then applicable law, rule or regulation or result in a default under or breach of any agreement or instrument binding upon the Company, and so as to comply with any requirement, restriction or order imposed by any court or governmental body having jurisdiction over the Company, then, upon the happening of such events, such Shares will be validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable.

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In rendering the foregoing opinion, I express no opinion as to the laws of any jurisdiction other than the New Hampshire Business Corporation Act. The Shares may be issued from time to time on a delayed or continuous basis, and the opinions expressed herein are limited to the foregoing laws, including applicable rules and regulations, as in effect on the date hereof, which laws are subject to change with possible retroactive effect and to the facts as they presently exist.

I consent to the filing of this opinion as an exhibit to the Registration Statement and to the reference to me under the heading “Legal Matters” in the prospectus included as part of the Registration Statement. In giving such consent, I do not hereby admit that I am in the category of persons whose consent is required under Section 7 of the Act or the rules and regulations of the Commission.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Gary Epler

Gary Epler
Chief Regulatory Counsel

cc: Mark Collin, Senior Vice-President, Chief Financial Officer

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CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

We consent to the incorporation by reference in this Registration Statement on Form S-3 of our reports dated February 2, 2017, relating to the consolidated financial statements of Unitil Corporation and subsidiaries and the effectiveness of Unitil Corporation and subsidiaries' internal control over financial reporting, appearing in the Annual Report on Form 10-K of Unitil Corporation for the year ended December 31, 2016, and to the reference to us under the heading "Experts" in the Prospectus, which is part of this Registration Statement.

/s/ Deloitte and Touche LLP
Boston, Massachusetts
November 3, 2017