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

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT  
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d)  
of the Securities Exchange Act 1934**

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): May 31, 2017**

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**UNITIL CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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**New Hampshire**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**1-8858**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**02-0381573**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**6 Liberty Lane West, Hampton, New Hampshire**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**03842-1720**  
(Zip Code)

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (603) 772-0775**

**N/A**  
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

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 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

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**Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure**

On May 31, 2017, Until Corporation (“Unutil” or “Registrant”) issued a press release announcing that its natural gas distribution utility, Northern Utilities, Inc., filed a rate case requesting approval to increase its natural gas distribution base rates with the Maine Public Utilities Commission. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(d) Exhibits

<b>Number</b>	<b>Exhibit</b>
99.1	May 31, 2017 press release announcing the filing of a rate case for Northern Utilities, Inc.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

UNITIL CORPORATION

By: /s/ Mark H. Collin  
Mark H. Collin  
Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and  
Treasurer

Date: May 31, 2017

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**EXHIBIT INDEX**

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**FOR RELEASE****UNITIL FILES FOR AN INCREASE IN NATURAL GAS DISTRIBUTION RATES FOR MAINE CUSTOMERS**

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**HAMPTON, NH, May 31, 2017:** Unitil Corporation (NYSE:UTL) ([www.unitil.com](http://www.unitil.com)) announced today that its Maine local natural gas distribution utility filed a rate case requesting approval to increase its natural gas distribution base rates with the Maine Public Utilities Commission.

Unitil has requested an increase of \$6.0 million in base revenue, or an increase of approximately 7 percent over total operating revenue, for effect on July 1, 2017 but expects a Commission suspension period through March 1, 2018. The filing also includes a proposal to renew and expand the Targeted Infrastructure Replacement Adjustment tariff for a period of four years which will allow the recovery of costs associated with operational and safety-related improvements and upgrades Unitil is making to its gas distribution system in Maine.

If the rates are approved as filed, the typical residential gas heating customer using an average of 63 ccfs (or 65 therms) would see a monthly increase of \$8.66, or about 9 percent. Impacts on other individual customers will vary depending upon rate class and usage characteristics.

**About Unitil Corporation**

Unitil Corporation provides energy for life by safely and reliably delivering natural gas and electricity in New England. We are committed to the communities we serve and to developing people, business practices, and technologies that lead to the delivery of dependable, more efficient energy. Unitil Corporation is a public utility holding company with operations in Maine, New Hampshire and Massachusetts. Together, Unitil's operating utilities serve approximately 104,300 electric customers and 79,900 natural gas customers. Other subsidiaries include Usource, Unitil's non-regulated business segment. For more information about our people, technologies, and community involvement please visit [www.unitil.com](http://www.unitil.com).

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