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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 of 1934**

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): January 25, 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))
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### **Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure**

On January 25, 2017, Unital Corporation (the “Registrant”) issued a press release announcing an increase in the amount of the Registrant’s regular quarterly dividend from \$0.355 per share to \$0.36 per share. A copy of the Registrant’s press release is included herein as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

The information furnished under Item 7.01 of this Current Report, including Exhibit 99.1 attached hereto, shall not be deemed “filed” for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

### **Item 8.01 Other Events**

On January 25, 2017, (i) the Registrant announced an increase in the amount of the Registrant’s regular quarterly dividend from \$0.355 per share to \$0.36 per share and (ii) the Board of Directors of the Registrant declared the Registrant’s first quarter common stock dividend of \$0.36 per share, payable February 28, 2017, to shareholders of record on February 14, 2017.

### **Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(d) Exhibits

<u>Number</u>	<u>Exhibit</u>
99.1	Press release dated January 25, 2017.

**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: January 26, 2017

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**EXHIBIT INDEX**

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press release dated January 25, 2017.



**FOR RELEASE**

**UNITIL INCREASES ANNUAL COMMON STOCK DIVIDEND BY \$0.02 PER SHARE**

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**HAMPTON, NH, January 25, 2017:** Unitil Corporation (NYSE:UTL) ([www.unitil.com](http://www.unitil.com)) today announced that its Board of Directors raised the quarterly dividend on the Company's common stock to \$0.36 per share, increasing the effective annual dividend rate by \$0.02 to \$1.44 per share. The Board declared the first quarter common stock dividend of \$0.36 per share, payable February 28, 2017, to shareholders of record on February 14, 2017.

"We understand the importance of the dividend to our shareholders. Today we are pleased to report that once again we've increased our quarterly dividend rate. This reflects the continued confidence we have in our business plan," said Robert G. Schoenberger, Unitil's chairman, president, and chief executive officer.

Unitil has an unbroken record of continuously paying quarterly cash dividends and has never decreased the dividend on its common stock.

**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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