

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

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Application of UNITIL Corporation            )  
  )  
and its Subsidiaries on Form U-1            )  
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(File No. 70-8623)                            )  
  )        CERTIFICATE PURSUANT TO  
  )        RULE 24 UNDER THE PUBLIC  
  )        UTILITY HOLDING COMPANY ACT  
  )        of 1935

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Pursuant to the requirements of Rule 24 under the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, UNITIL Corporation ("UNITIL"), on behalf of itself and its subsidiaries, Concord Electric Company, Exeter & Hampton Electric Company, Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company, UNITIL Power Corp., UNITIL Realty Corp., UNITIL Resources Inc. and UNITIL Service Corp., hereby files the attached quarterly report as required by the Securities and Exchange Commission's order approving short-term borrowings by UNITIL and its subsidiaries and approving the UNITIL System money pool (HCAR. No. 25773; File No. 70-8066; March 29, 1993; File No. 70-8623; July 11, 1995).

Exhibit

Exhibit A -        Quarterly Report of UNITIL Corporation and Its Subsidiaries by Short-term Borrowings and Money Pool Transactions for the first quarter of 1997.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, the undersigned company has duly caused this Certificate to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

UNITIL CORPORATION

By:                                    /s/ Gail A. Siart  
  Gail A. Siart  
  Treasurer and Secretary

Dated: April 25, 1997

EXHIBIT A

QUARTERLY REPORT BY  
 UNITIL CORPORATION AND ITS SUBSIDIARIES  
 OF SHORT-TERM BORROWINGS  
 AND MONEY POOL TRANSACTIONS  
 FOR THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1997

	UNITIL Corporation	Concord Electric Company	Exeter & Hampton Electric Company	Fitchburg Gas & Electric Light Company
(a)				
Maximum Principal Amount of Short-term Borrowings Outstanding During the First Quarter:				
Money Pool	N/A	\$4,955,579	\$3,978,264	\$8,700,169
Banks	\$21,950,000	None	None	None
(b)				
Average Interest Rate for the Money Pool Borrowings During the First Quart				
	N/A	5.913%	5.952%	5.680%
(c)				
Maximum Amount Outstanding By Company for Each Source of Outside Borrowings During the First Quarter:				
Bank of Boston	\$8,950,000	None	None	None
Fleet Bank - NH	\$8,000,000	None	None	None
State Street Bank	\$2,000,000	None	None	None
Citizens Bank	\$3,000,000	None	None	None

\* Excludes Bank Service and Commitment Fees

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	UNITIL Power Corp.	UNITIL Realty Corp.	UNITIL Service Corp.	UNITIL Resources Inc.
(a)				
Maximum Principal Amount of Short-term Borrowings Outstanding During the				

First Quarter:					
Money Pool	\$6,285,941	\$8,395,867	\$954,986	\$105,266	
Banks	None	None	None	None	

(b)

Average Interest Rate for the Money Pool Borrowings During the First Quarter*	5.056%	5.658%	5.664%	5.612%
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(c)

Maximum Amount Outstanding By Company for Each Source of Outside Borrowings During the First Quarter:				
Bank of Boston	None	None	None	None
Fleet Bank - NH	None	None	None	None
State Street Bank	None	None	None	None
Citizens Bank	None	None	None	None

\* Excludes Bank Service and Commitment Fees