FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person $^{\star}$ $\underline{BLACK\ TODD\ R}$ |  |  |  |                           |         |   | 2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol UNITIL CORP [ UTL ] |        |                                    |       |  |   |                |              |                           | all app<br>Dired   | olicable)<br>ctor  | g Person(s) to Issuer  10% Owner Other (specify below)  resident  |  |
|---|--|--|--|---------------------------|---------|---|--|--------|------------------------------------|-------|--|---|----------------|--------------|---------------------------|--|--|---|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) 6 LIBERTY LANE WEST                                     |  |  |  |                           |         | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/30/2017 |  |        |                                    |       |  |   |                |              | X                         | Officer (give title below)  Vice P   |  |   |  |
| (Street) HAMPT(   |  |  | )3842<br>Zip)                                |                           | 4. If . | Ame   | ndment,  | Date o | f Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)  |       |  |   |                |              | . Indivine)               | ividual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable  Form filed by One Reporting Person  Form filed by More than One Reporting  Person |  |   |  |
|   |  | Tabl                                       | e I - No                                     | n-Deriv                   | ative   | Se  | curitie  | s Acc  | quired,                            | Dis   | posed o  | f, oı   | Ben            | efici        | ally                      | Owne   | ed   |   |  |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transac Date (Month/Da                      |  |  |  |                           |         | Execution Date,   |  |        | Transaction<br>Code (Instr.        |       | 4. Securities Acquired (A)<br>Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4<br>5) |   |                |              | 4 and Secu<br>Bene<br>Own |  | cially<br>I Following  | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership                |
|   |  |  |  |                           |         |   |  |        | Code                               | v     | Amount   | 0   | A) or<br>D)    | Price        | ,                         | Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4)   |  |   | (Instr. 4)   |
| Common stock, no par value. 01/30/2   |  |  |  |                           |         | 017   |  |        | A                                  |       | 1,880  |   | A              | \$0.0        | 00(1)                     | 21,2   | 63.871(2)  | D   |  |
| Common stock, no par value.   |  |  |  |                           |         |   |  |        |                                    |       |  |   |                |              |                           | 2,792.43   |  | I   | Held in trust. <sup>(3)</sup>                                      |
|   | Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) |  |  |                           |         |   |  |        |                                    |       |  |   |                |              |                           |  |  |   |  |
| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)                             | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security  | 3. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deem<br>Execution<br>if any<br>(Month/Da | Date, Transac<br>Code (Ir |         |   | of   |        | 6. Date E<br>Expiratio<br>(Month/D | n Dat | е  | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Securities<br>Underlying<br>Derivative<br>Security (Instr.<br>and 4) |                | ıstr. 3      | Deri<br>Sec<br>(Ins       | Price of ivative curity str. 5)  | 9. Number of<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(<br>(Instr. 4) | Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|   |  |  |  |                           | Code    | v   | (A)  | (D)    | Date<br>Exercisa                   |       | Expiration<br>Date   | Title   | or<br>Nu<br>of | mber<br>ares |                           |  |  |   |  |

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. Shares were granted pursuant to the Unitil Corporation Restricted Stock Plan. Shares will vest 25% per year over four years from date of grant. Shares will be valued at current market price on date of yesting
- 2. Includes 163.270 shares of common stock acquired on February 26, 2016, 165.810 shares of common stock acquired on May 27, 2016, 165.540 shares of common stock acquired on August 26, 2016 and 153.294 shares of common stock acquired on November 28, 2016, in each case resulting from the reinvestment of dividends pursuant to Unitil Corporation's Dividend Reinvestment and Stock Purchase Plan.
- 3. Shares are held in trust under the terms of the Unitil Corporation Tax Deferred Savings and Investment Plan.

## Remarks:

/s/ Todd R. Black

01/31/2017

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- $^{\star}$  If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).
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