



William E. Aubuchon, III Elected to Unitil Board of Directors

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Hampton, NH; December 17, 1999: The Unitil Corporation (AMEX:UTL) Board of Directors elected William E. Aubuchon, III of Princeton, MA to its Board.

Mr. Aubuchon is the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of W.E. Aubuchon, Co., Inc., a 91-year old retail chain of hardware stores in the Northeast. Mr. Aubuchon is 55 years old.

"Mr. Aubuchon, whose business is a customer of Unitil, runs a dynamic, customer-focused enterprise. His commitment to the customer, his knowledge of how retail markets work and his exploration of the potential of the Internet make him an ideal board member," said Unitil CEO Bob Schoenberger.

Mr. Aubuchon begins his position effective immediately and will stand for election to a regular three year term at Unitil's next Annual Meeting of Shareholders in April 2000.

Unitil is a public utility holding company with a combination electric and gas utility distribution operation in north central Massachusetts and electric utility distribution operations in several cities and towns in the seacoast and capital city areas of New Hampshire. Unitil is also engaged in energy planning, procurement, marketing and consulting activities through both its utility and non-utility subsidiaries. Its subsidiaries are 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.

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