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# 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): December 16, 2004

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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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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers**

On December 16, 2004 the Company's Board of Directors elected Dr. Robert V. Antonucci to serve on the Company's Board of Directors effective January 13, 2005. Dr. Antonucci was elected to fill the position that will be vacated in April, 2005 by Ross B. George, who is retiring from the Board due to reaching the Company's mandatory retirement age for directors. Management intends to nominate Dr. Antonucci for election to a full three-year term at the Company's next Annual Meeting of Shareholders scheduled for April 21, 2005.

The Company has issued a press release regarding these events which is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

Financial Statements:

None

Exhibits:

Exhibit 99.1 – Press release dated December 21, 2004.

**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 thereunto duly authorized.

UNITIL CORPORATION

(Registrant)

Date: December 21, 2004

/s/ Mark H. Collin

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Mark H. Collin  
Chief Financial Officer



For Immediate Release

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***Unitil Elects New Director***

**Hampton, NH (December 21, 2004):** Unitil Corporation (AMEX: UTL) ([www.unitil.com](http://www.unitil.com)) announced that its Board of Directors elected Dr. Robert V. Antonucci to serve on the Company's Board of Directors, effective January 13, 2005. Dr. Antonucci will stand for election to a full three-year term at Unitil's next Annual Meeting of Shareholders, scheduled for April 21, 2005.

"Bob brings a unique and valued perspective to our Board as a significant community leader in north central Massachusetts, and as a respected educator," said Robert G. Schoenberger, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Unitil. "I am excited about his energy and vision and I look forward to working with him."

Dr. Antonucci was elected to fill the position that will be vacated in April, 2005 by Ross B. George, who will retire from the Board upon reaching the mandatory retirement age.

Dr. Antonucci is President of Fitchburg State College in Fitchburg, Massachusetts, which is one of Unitil's key accounts in Massachusetts. Dr. Antonucci also served as the Commissioner of Education for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts from 1992 to 1998. During his tenure as Commissioner, he fundamentally reformed the state's education finance system, school governance and curriculum development. He has also worked as an executive in the publishing and educational industry, and as a superintendent of public schools. He earned bachelor's and master's degrees from Fitchburg State College and a doctorate in education from Boston University, where he also served as an adjunct faculty member.

Unitil is a public utility holding company with subsidiaries providing electric service in New Hampshire, electric and gas service in Massachusetts and energy services throughout the Northeast.

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