## FORM 4

obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

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## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C	C. 20549
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STATEMENT OF	<b>CHANGES IN</b>	BENEFICIAL	OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*						2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol  UNITIL CORP [ UTL ]										all app Direc	olicable) ctor		Person(s) to Issuer  10% Owner	
(Last)	(Fi	,	Middle)		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/23/2004  X Officer (give title below) Sr. Vice President															
(Street) HAMPTO			)3842 Zip)		4. If	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)  6. Individual or Joint/Group F Line)  X Form filed by One F Form filed by More Person														
		Tabl	e I - No	n-Deriv	/ative	Se	curitie	s Acc	uired	, Dis	sposed o	of, c	r Ben	efic	ally	Owne	ed			
			2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		,   E r)   i	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		Transaction Code (Instr.		4. Securities Acquired (A) Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4				4 and 5) Secu Bene Own		cially d Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership	
										v	Amount		(A) or (D)	Pric	e	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)				(Instr. 4)
Common Stock, no par value 08/23/2004 I <sup>(1)</sup> 1,397.91 I						D	\$20	5.88	0		I		Held in trust <sup>(2)</sup>							
Common	ommon Stock, no par value 6,872 <sup>(3)</sup>						D													
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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deen Executio if any (Month/D	n Date,		Transaction Code (Instr.		n of		6. Date Exercis Expiration Dat (Month/Day/Ye		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instrand 4)		nstr. 3	Deri Secu	Price of rivative curity str. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)	Owne Form Direct or Ind (I) (Ins	(D) irect	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
					Code	v	/ (A) (D)		Date Exercisa	able	Expiration Date	or		nount mber ares						

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. Shares were included in an intraplan transfer under the terms and conditions of the Unitil Corporate Tax Deferred Savings and Investment Plan.
- 2. Shares were held in trust under the terms of the Unitil Corporation Tax Deferred Savings and Investment Plan.
- 3. Shares include a total of 1400 shares of restricted stock granted in 2003 and 2004 under the terms and conditions of the Unitil Corporation Restricted Stock Plan.

08/24/2004 /s/ George R. Gantz

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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