

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

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

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 third quarter of 1996.

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: October 21, 1996

QUARTERLY REPORT BY
UNITIL CORPORATION AND ITS SUBSIDIARIES
OF SHORT-TERM BORROWINGS AND MONEY POOL TRANSACTIONS
FOR THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1996

EXHIBIT A

	UNITIL Corporation	Concord Electric Company	Hampton Electric Company	Fitchburg Gas & Electric Light Company
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(a)
Maximum Principal Amount of Short-term Borrowings Outstanding During the Third Quarter:

Money Pool	N/A	\$4,027,210	\$3,419,089	\$5,139,288
Banks	\$11,825,000	None	None	None

(b)
Average Interest Rate for the Money Pool Borrowings During the Third Quarter*

N/A	5.852%	5.894%	5.882%
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(c)
Maximum Amount Outstanding By Company for Each Source of Outside Borrowings During the Third Quarter:

Bank of Boston	\$7,825,000	None	None	None
Fleet Bank - NH	\$2,000,000	None	None	None
Shawmut Bank, N.A.	\$2,000,000	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.
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(a)
Maximum Principal Amount of Short-term Borrowings Outstanding During the Third Quarter:

Money Pool	\$1,897,392	\$7,831,319	\$1,284,463	N/A
Banks	None	None	None	None

(b)
Average Interest Rate for the Money Pool Borrowings During the Third Quarter*

5.792%	5.856%	5.933%	N/A
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(c)
Maximum Amount Outstanding By Company for Each Source of Outside Borrowings During the Third Quarter:

Bank of Boston	None	None	None	None
Fleet Bank - NH	None	None	None	None
Shawmut Bank, N.A.	None	None	None	None

* Excludes Bank Service and Commitment Fees