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

PRE EFFECTIVE AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO THE FORM U-1
APPLICATION AND DECLARATION UNDER THE
PUBLIC UTILITY HOLDING COMPANY ACT OF 1935

UNITIL CORPORATION
6 Liberty Lane West
Hampton, New Hampshire 03482
(Name of companies filing this statement and address of principal executive offices)

UNITIL CORPORATION
(Name of top registered holding company parent of each applicant or declarant)

Gail A. Siart
Treasurer
UNITIL CORPORATION
6 Liberty Lane West
Hampton, New Hampshire 03482
(Name and address of agent for service)

The Commission is requested to mail copies of all orders, notices and communications to:

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Unitil Corporation hereby amends its Application/Declaration on Form U-1 (File No. 70-8969) for the purpose of amending Item 2 thereto as set forth below. In all other respects, the Application/Declaration as previously filed will remain the same.

Item 6. FEES, COMMISSIONS AND EXPENSES

The fees, commissions and expenses of Unitil expected to be paid or incurred, directly or indirectly, in connection with the transactions described above are as follows:

Registration Fees	\$ 692
Legal Fees	\$ 5,000
Printing and engraving of stock certificates	\$ 500
Misc.	\$ 1,000
Total	\$ 7,192

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, the undersigned companies have duly caused this Pre-Effective Amendment to the Application to be signed on their behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

Unitil Corporation

By: /s/ Gail A. Siart
Gail A. Siart
Secretary and Treasurer
Unitil Corporation
Vice President and Treasurer

Unitil Resources, Inc. Senior Vice President Unitil Service Corp.

Date: February 7, 1997