UNITIL CORP Form 8-K September 11, 2008

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): September 10, 2008

UNITIL CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

New Hampshire (State or other jurisdiction

1-8858 (Commission File Number) 02-0381573 (IRS Employer

of incorporation)

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))

Item 8.01 Other Events

On September 10, 2008, Unitil Corporation (Unitil or the Company) issued a press release announcing that its shareholders approved an increase in the authorized shares of common stock at a Special Meeting of Shareholders, held today at the corporate office in Hampton, New Hampshire. Shareholders approved an amendment to the Company s Articles of Incorporation to increase the authorized number of shares of common stock, no par value (Common Stock), from 8,000,000 shares to 16,000,000 shares in the aggregate.

Of the 8,000,000 additional shares of newly authorized Common Stock, the Company expects to issue and sell up to 4,000,000 shares in a public offering to partially finance the acquisition of Northern Utilities, Inc. (Northern) and Granite State Gas Transmission, Inc. (Granite).

In his presentation at the meeting, Robert G. Schoenberger, Unitil s Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, reviewed the Company s progress towards completion of Unitil s \$160 million acquisition of Northern and Granite. Regulatory approvals are expected on or about October 1, and the target closing date is mid-November.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

Number Exhibit

99.1 Press release dated September 10, 2008.

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, hereunto duly authorized.

UNITIL CORPORATION

By: /s/ Mark H. Collin Mark H. Collin Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and

Date: September 11, 2008

Treasurer