

UNITIL CORP  
Form 8-K  
October 17, 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): October 6, 2008**

**UNITIL CORPORATION**

*(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)*

**New Hampshire**  
**(State or other jurisdiction**

**of incorporation)**

**1-8858**  
**(Commission File Number)**

**02-0381573**  
**(IRS Employer**

**Identification No.)**

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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 October 14, 2008, Unitil Corporation ( Unitil or the Company ) announced that the Public Utility Commissions in New Hampshire and Maine have both announced their approval of Unitil's proposed acquisition of Northern Utilities, Inc. ( Northern ) from NiSource Inc. The Commissions also approved the issuance of debt securities by Northern as part of the financing plans for the transaction. Regulatory approval for the acquisition is now pending in Massachusetts. The transaction is expected to close by the end of the year.

The regulatory process in both Maine and New Hampshire included the negotiation and filing of settlement agreements reflecting commitments by Unitil with respect to Northern's rates, customer service and operations and for enhanced safety and reliability programs.

A copy of the Company's press release announcing these approvals is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K. Also attached as Exhibits 99.2 - 99.4 are: New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission ( NHPUC ) Order No. 24,906; NHPUC Order No. 24,905; and MPUC Order in Docket No. 2008-241. The written order of the MPUC approving the proposed acquisition is expected to be issued shortly.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(d) Exhibits

<b>Number</b>	<b>Exhibit</b>
99.1	Unitil Corporation press release dated October 14, 2008.
99.2	NHPUC Order No. 24,906
99.3	NHPUC Order No. 24,905
99.4	MPUC Order in Docket No. 2008-241

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 Treasurer

Date: October 17, 2008