

MEISSNER THOMAS P JR  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
MEISSNER THOMAS P JR

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
UNITIL CORP [UTL]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
  
(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
6 LIBERTY LANE WEST  
  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
02/16/2009

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Sr. Vice President

HAMPTON, NH 03842  
  
(City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |                                                    | Code                           | V Amount (D) Price                                                |                                                                                               |                                                          |                                   |
| Common stock, no par value      | 02/16/2009                           |                                                    | A                              | 2,870 A \$ 0 (1)                                                  | 11,760                                                                                        | D                                                        |                                   |
| Common stock, no par value      |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                   | 739.31                                                                                        | I                                                        | Held in trust. (2)                |

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

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
|                                            |                                                        |                                      |                                                    | Code V (A) (D)                 |                                                                                         | Date Exercisable Expiration Date                         | Title Amount or Number of Shares                              |                                            |                                                    |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                   | Relationships |           |                    |       |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|--------------------|-------|
|                                                                  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer            | Other |
| MEISSNER THOMAS P JR<br>6 LIBERTY LANE WEST<br>HAMPTON, NH 03842 |               |           | Sr. Vice President |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Thomas P. Meissner, Jr. 02/17/2009

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* 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).
- (1) Shares were granted pursuant to the Unitil Corporation Restricted Stock Plan. Shares will vest 25% per year over four years from date of grant. Shares will be valued at current market price on date of vesting.
- (2) Shares are held in trust under the terms of the Unitil Corporation Tax Deferred Savings and Investment Plan.

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