

CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

We have issued our report dated February 5, 2001, accompanying the consolidated financial statements and schedule included in the Annual Report of Unitil Corporation and subsidiaries on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2000. We hereby consent to the incorporation by reference of said report in the Registration Statements of Unitil Corporation and subsidiaries on Form S-3 and on Form S-8.

/s/ GRANT THORNTON LLP

Boston, Massachusetts
March 20, 2001