

**CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS**

We have issued our report dated February 5, 2002, 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, 2001. We hereby consent to the incorporation by reference of said report in the Registration Statements of Unitil Corporation and subsidiaries on Form S-3 (File No. 333-42264 filed on July 26, 2000) and on Form S-8 (File No. 333-42266 filed on July 26, 2000).

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Boston, Massachusetts  
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