Request No. AG-1-79
Please provide in list form the details of all judgments and/or settlements resulting from suits brought which involved Unitil and/or the Company as a defendant, which resulted in Unitil and/or the Company, in each of the years 2000 and 2001, paying or agreeing to pay or being ordered to pay an amount in excess of $1,000, including but not limited to the case name, the date filed, the date of settlement or the date of judgment and the amount Unitil and/or the Company was ordered or agreed to pay. Provide this information even if appeals are pending and note every instance of an appeal.

Response:

A. McVeigh v. Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company
A suit was filed in February 2000 in Middlesex Superior Court (Civil Action #00-1683) by James B. and May Ann McVeigh against the Company et al. Alleging damage to their property by the Company's tree trimming contractor. The Company paid $7,500 as a part of a $16,500 total settlement (Smith Tree, the Company's tree trimming contractor, paid $4,000 and St. Paul's, Smith's insure, paid $5,000). The Stipulation of Settlement was filed with the court on November 7, 2000.

B. Howells v. Unitil Service Corp.
This suit was incorrectly brought in November 2000 against Unitil Service Corp. in Leominster District Court (CA#066CV491) by Richard Howells and later amended to include Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company. The complaint alleged injuries resulting from "fumes" emanating from a fire in a FG&E substation located in Fitchburg on March 12, 2000 and sought $24,900 in damages. This matter was settled (with prejudice) on July 20, 2001 for $2,500.

Person Responsible: Mark H. Collin