

AVISTA CORP  
Form 8-K  
March 22, 2017

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 OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): March 22, 2017

AVISTA CORPORATION  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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| Washington  | 1-3701  | 91-0462470                           |
| (State of other jurisdiction of incorporation)      | (Commission file number)  | (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.) |
| 1411 East Mission Avenue, Spokane, Washington       | 99202-2600  |                                      |
| (Address of principal executive offices)            | (Zip Code)  |                                      |
| Registrant's telephone number, including area code: | 509-489-0500  |                                      |
| Web site:   | <a href="http://www.avistacorp.com">http://www.avistacorp.com</a> |                                      |

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))



Section 7 – Regulation FD Disclosure

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

On March 23, 2017, management of Avista Corporation (Avista Corp. or the Company) will be participating in meetings with investors and analysts at the West Coast Utilities Seminar hosted by Williams Capital Group L.P. in Las Vegas, Nevada. The same business update presentation will be used at all of the meetings. A copy of the business update presentation is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 and is available in the “Investors” section of Avista Corp.'s website at <http://investor.avistacorp.com/phoenix.zhtml?c=97267&p=irol-calendarpast>.

As part of this update, Avista Corp. expects to confirm earnings guidance for 2017. The 2017 earnings guidance was included in Avista Corp.'s fourth quarter and fiscal year 2016 earnings release furnished on Form 8-K on February 22, 2017. The 2017 earnings guidance is subject to the risks, uncertainties and other factors set forth or referred to in such earnings release and the Company's annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016.

The information in this report, including Exhibit 99.1, shall not be deemed “filed” for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, nor shall it be incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

Section 9 - Financial Statements and Exhibits

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Business update presentation dated March 23, 2017, which is being furnished pursuant to Item 7.01.

The inclusion in this Current Report or in Exhibit 99.1 of a reference to Avista Corp.'s Internet address shall not, under any circumstances, be deemed to incorporate the information available at such Internet address into this Current Report. The information available at Avista Corp.'s Internet address is not part of this Current Report or any other report furnished or filed by Avista Corp. with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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 thereunto duly authorized.

AVISTA CORPORATION  
(Registrant)

Date: March 22, 2017 /s/ Mark T. Thies  
Mark T. Thies  
Senior Vice President,  
Chief Financial Officer, and Treasurer