

AVISTA CORP
Form 8-K
August 22, 2016

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): August 17, 2016

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

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:	http://www.avistacorp.com	

(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)
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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Section 5 – Corporate Governance and Management

Item 5.03 Amendments to Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws; Change in Fiscal Year.

On August 17, 2016, the Board of Directors of Avista Corporation (Avista Corp. or the Company) amended Article II of the Company’s Bylaws to include a new Section 12 providing for “proxy access” to the Company’s shareholders. As amended, the Company’s Bylaws now permit a shareholder, or a group of not more than 20 shareholders, that continuously owned at least 3 percent of the Company’s outstanding common stock for three years, to include a nominee for election as a director in the Company’s proxy soliciting materials, with a maximum number of directors equal to 20 percent of the number of directors on the board, all subject to certain conditions and limitations. A complete copy of the Bylaws of Avista Corp., as amended August 17, 2016, is filed as Exhibit 3.2.

Section 9 - Financial Statements and Exhibits

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

3.2 Bylaws of Avista Corporation, as amended August 17, 2016.

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: August 22, 2016 /s/ Marian M. Durkin
Marian M. Durkin
Senior Vice President, General Counsel,
Corporate Secretary and Chief Compliance Officer