

Scott H. Maw Appointed to Avista Corp. Board of Directors

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SPOKANE, WA -- (Marketwired) -- 07/07/16 -- Avista Corp. (NYSE: AVA) announced that Scott H. Maw, age 48, has been appointed to the Avista Corp. board of directors effective Aug. 1, 2016. He will stand for election to the board at the 2017 annual meeting of shareholders.

Mr. Maw is executive vice president and chief financial officer for Starbucks Coffee Company, a position he has held since 2014. He joined the organization as global controller in 2011. Prior to joining Starbucks Coffee Company, Mr. Maw served as chief financial officer of SeaBright Insurance Company and chief financial officer of the Consumer Banking division of JPMorgan Chase & Co. He held the same position at Washington Mutual Bank prior to its acquisition by JPMorgan Chase & Co. Mr. Maw also held various finance leadership positions at General Electric Company, including chief financial officer for GE Insurance Holdings, Inc. in London. He has more than 17 years of executive level experience in the banking, finance and retail/coffee industries.

Mr. Maw earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in accounting from Gonzaga University.

"We are pleased that Scott is joining our board of directors," said Scott Morris, Avista Corp. chairman of the board, president and chief executive officer. "His depth of knowledge and experience in finance, along with his strong sense of strategic operations and values, makes him a good fit for Avista."

About Avista Corp.

Avista Corp., incorporated in 1889 and based in Spokane, Wash., is an energy company involved in the production, transmission and distribution of energy as well as other energy-related businesses. Avista Utilities is our operating division that provides electric service to 375,000 customers and natural gas to 335,000 customers. Its service territory covers 30,000 square miles in eastern Washington, northern Idaho and parts of southern and eastern Oregon, with a population of 1.6 million. Alaska Energy and Resources Company is an Avista subsidiary that provides retail electric service in the city and borough of Juneau, Alaska, through its subsidiary Alaska Electric Light and Power Company. Avista stock is traded under the ticker symbol "AVA." For more information about Avista, please visit www.avistacorp.com.

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