



## **Avista Corp. Board Declares Common Stock Dividend**

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SPOKANE, WA, May 10, 2012 (MARKETWIRE via COMTEX) --Avista Corp.'s (NYSE: AVA) board of directors has declared a quarterly dividend of \$0.29 per share on the company's common stock. The common stock dividend is payable June 15, 2012, to shareholders of record at the close of business on May 24, 2012.

Avista Corp. 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 360,000 customers and natural gas to 321,000 customers. Our service territory covers 30,000 square miles in eastern Washington, northern Idaho and parts of southern and eastern Oregon, with a population of 1.5 million. Avista's primary, non-regulated subsidiary is Ecova. Our stock is traded under the ticker symbol "AVA." For more information about Avista, please visit [www.avistacorp.com](http://www.avistacorp.com).

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