
**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 19, 2012

AVISTA CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Washington
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation)

1-3701
(Commission
File Number)

91-0462470
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

1411 East Mission Avenue, Spokane, Washington
(Address of principal executive offices)

99202-2600
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:
Web site: <http://www.avistacorp.com>

509-489-0500

(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:

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 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Section 7 – Regulation FD Disclosure**Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.**

The information in this report 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.

On March 20, 2012, management of Avista Corporation (Avista Corp.) will be participating in meetings with investors and analysts at the Sixteenth Annual New York Institutional Investor Forum hosted by Sidoti & Company, LLC. On March 21, 2012, management of Avista Corp. will be participating in meetings with investors and analysts at the West Coast Utilities Seminar hosted by Williams Capital Group in Las Vegas, Nevada. In addition, management will have meetings with investors on March 22, 2012. The same business update presentation will be used at all of the meetings. The business update presentation 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. will be confirming earnings guidance for 2012. The 2012 earnings guidance was included in Avista Corp.’s fourth quarter and fiscal year 2011 earnings release furnished on Form 8-K on February 15, 2012.

Any 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 19, 2012

/s/ Marian M. Durkin

Marian M. Durkin
Senior Vice President, General Counsel
and Chief Compliance Officer