

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): May 26, 2016

**AVISTA CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Washington

(State of 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

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(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 8 – Other Events**

**Item 8.01 Other Events.**

On May 26, 2016, Avista Corporation (Avista Corp. or the Company) filed an electric general rate case with the Idaho Public Utilities Commission (IPUC). The Company did not request a change in natural gas rates.

Avista Corp. has requested an overall increase in billed electric rates of 6.3 percent (designed to increase annual electric revenues by \$15.4 million), effective January 1, 2017.

Avista Corp.'s request is based on a proposed rate of return on rate base of 7.78 percent with a common equity ratio of 50 percent and a 9.9 percent return on equity.

The IPUC has up to nine months to review the filing and issue a decision.

**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

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(Registrant)

Date: June 1, 2016

/s/ Mark T. Thies

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Mark T. Thies

Senior Vice President,  
Chief Financial Officer, and Treasurer