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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington D.C. 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT**

**PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): November 21, 2011**

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**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: 509-489-0500**

**Web site: <http://www.avistacorp.com>**

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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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 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))
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**Section 8 – Other Events****Item 8.01 Other Events.**

On November 21, 2011, Ecova, Inc. (Ecova), an indirect subsidiary of Avista Corporation (Avista Corp.) announced the intent to acquire Prenova, Inc. (Prenova) a privately-held enterprise energy management company headquartered in Atlanta.

The transaction is expected to close before the end of the year and is expected to be funded by Ecova and to be neutral to Ecova's earnings in 2012. Prenova reported revenue of \$12.4 million for each of the nine months ended September 30, 2011 and the year ended December 31, 2010.

This Form 8-K contains forward-looking statements regarding the impact that Prenova will have on Ecova earnings. Such statements speak only as of the date of that such statements are made and are subject to a variety of risks and uncertainties, many of which are beyond Avista Corp.'s control, which could cause actual results to differ materially from the expectations. These risks and uncertainties include all of the factors discussed in Avista Corp.'s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2010, and the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2011.

**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: November 23, 2011

/s/ Marian M. Durkin

Marian M. Durkin

Senior Vice President, General Counsel  
and Chief Compliance Officer