

**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 10, 2009

**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>

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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:

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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 11 and 13, 2009, management of Avista Corporation (Avista Corp.) will be participating in meetings with investors and analysts and will provide a business update. 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 2009. The 2009 earnings guidance was included in Avista Corp.’s fourth quarter and fiscal year 2008 earnings release furnished on Form 8-K on February 18, 2009.

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 10, 2009

/s/ Marian M. Durkin

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