

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): June 23, 2014

**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:

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

## **Section 7 – Regulation FD Disclosure**

### **Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.**

The information in this Item 7.01 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.

Avista Corporation (Avista Corp. or the Company) did not include the earnings associated with the California litigation settlement described below under Item 8.01 when it issued its 2014 consolidated earnings guidance, included in the first quarter of 2014 earnings release furnished on Form 8-K on May 7, 2014. The Company will update its 2014 consolidated earnings guidance to include the expected earnings during its second quarter earnings call in early August 2014.

The 2014 earnings guidance is subject to the risks, uncertainties and other factors set forth or referred to in such earnings release and the Company's annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013 and quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2014.

## **Section 8 – Other Events**

### **Item 8.01 Other Events.**

On June 27, 2014, Avista Corp. issued a press release announcing the completion of a litigation settlement with various California parties that resulted in Avista Energy (an unregulated indirect subsidiary of Avista Corp.) receiving \$15 million in settlement proceeds on June 23, 2014. The litigation was related to the prices paid for power in the California spot markets during the years 2000 and 2001.

This will result in Avista Energy recognizing an increase in pre-tax earnings of approximately \$15 million (\$10 million after-tax).

Subsequent to the receipt of the settlement proceeds, Avista Corp. contributed approximately \$6.5 million of the proceeds to the Avista Foundation, a community investment program of Avista Corp., and the remainder of the proceeds will be used to fund current operations and possibly pay down outstanding debt.

A copy of the press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1.

## **Section 9 - Financial Statements and Exhibits**

### **Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

#### **(d) Exhibits**

99.1 Press release dated June 27, 2014, which is being furnished pursuant to Item 8.01.

Neither the furnishing of any press release as an exhibit to this Current Report nor the inclusion in such press releases of a reference to Avista Corp.'s Internet address shall, 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

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(Registrant)

Date: June 27, 2014

/s/ Mark T. Thies

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Mark T. Thies

Senior Vice President,  
Chief Financial Officer, and Treasurer



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**Avista Energy Receives Settlement Proceeds from California Energy Markets Litigation**

**SPOKANE, Wash. - June 27, 2014:** Avista Corp. (NYSE:AVA) today announced the completion of a litigation settlement with various California parties that resulted in Avista Energy (an unregulated indirect subsidiary of Avista Corp.) receiving \$15 million in net settlement proceeds on June 23, 2014. The litigation was related to the prices paid in the California spot markets during the years 2000 and 2001. The settlement agreement was finalized and filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) in March 2014, and FERC approved the settlement in early June 2014.

This will result in Avista Energy recognizing an increase in pre-tax earnings of approximately \$15 million (\$10 million after-tax). These amounts were not included in Avista Corp.'s original earnings guidance issued for 2014. Avista Corp. will update its earnings guidance for 2014 during its second quarter earnings call in early August 2014.

Avista Corp. contributed approximately \$6.5 million of the proceeds to the Avista Foundation, a community investment program of Avista Corp., and the remainder of the proceeds will be used to fund current operations and possibly pay down outstanding debt.

**About Avista**

Avista Corp., incorporated in 1889 and based in Spokane, Wash., 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 367,000 customers and natural gas to 326,000 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 1.6 million. Our stock is traded under the ticker symbol "AVA." For more information about Avista, please visit [www.avistacorp.com](http://www.avistacorp.com).

This news release contains forward-looking statements regarding the company's current expectations. Forward-looking statements are all statements other than historical facts. Such statements speak only as of the date of the news release and are subject to a variety of risks and uncertainties, many of which are beyond the company's control, which could cause actual results to differ materially from the expectations. These risks and uncertainties include, in addition to those discussed herein, all of the factors discussed in the company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended Dec. 31, 2013 and the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2014.

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