
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM S-3

POST-EFFECTIVE AMENDMENT NO. 1 $$^{\rm TO}$$ REGISTRATION STATEMENT

under the Securities Act of 1933

AVISTA CORPORATION
formerly known as
THE WASHINGTON WATER POWER COMPANY
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Washington
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

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

1411 East Mission Avenue Spokane, Washington 99202 (509) 489-0500

(Address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of registrant's principal executive offices)

J.E. ELIASSEN
Senior Vice President
and Chief Financial Officer
Avista Corporation
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It is respectfully requested that the Commission send copies of all notices, orders and communications to:

John E. Baumgardner, Jr.
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125 Broad Street
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(Name, address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of agent of service)

WITHDRAWAL FROM REGISTRATION

The registrant hereby withdraws from registration 572,400 shares of its Common Stock (no par value) and the Preferred Share Purchase Rights appurtenant thereto, registered under File No. 33-49662 and remaining unissued at May 31, 1999, with the following result:

Shares of Common Stock (no par value) registered under File No. 33-49662 (including Preferred Share Purchase Rights appurtenant thereto)

750,000

(including Preferred Share Purchase Rights ----- appurtenant thereto)

Shares of Common Stock withdrawn from registration (including Preferred Share Purchase Rights appurtenant thereto)

572,400

The registrant hereby withdraws the aforesaid shares of Common Stock (including the Preferred Share Purchase Rights appurtenant thereto) from registration pursuant to the Company's undertaking, included in the Registration Statement No. 33-49662 as required by Item 512(a)(3) of Regulation S-K, to remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any registered securities which remain unsold at the termination of an offering. The offering of the registrant's Common Stock as contemplated in said Registration Statement has been terminated.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, the registrant has duly caused this Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 to Registration Statement No. 33-49662 to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Spokane, State of Washington, on June 18, 1999.

AVISTA CORPORATION

By: /s/ J.E. Eliassen

Name: J.E. Eliassen

Title: Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, this Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 to Registration Statement No. 33-49662 has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the date indicated.

| Signature | Title | Date |
|---|---|---------------|
| /s/ T.M. Matthews T.M. Matthews (Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer) | Principal Officer Executive and Director | June 18, 1999 |
| /s/ J.E. Eliassen J.E. Eliassen (Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer) | Principal Financial and Accounting Officer | June 18, 1999 |
| David A. Clack, Eugene W. Meyer, Larry A. Stanley and R. John Taylor | Directors | June 18, 1999 |

^{*} By /s/ J.E. Eliassen

J.E. Eliassen (Attorney-in Fact)