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With:

UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13G/A

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Amendment No. 2)*

AVISTA CORPORATION (Name of Issuer) Common Stock, no Par Value (Title of Class of Securities) 05379B107 (CUSIP Number) December 31, 2001 (Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement) Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed: Rule 13d-1(b) Rule 13d-1(c) Rule 13d-1(d) *The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page. The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes). CUSIP No. 05379B107 Names of Reporting Persons. I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only). Cascade Investment, L.L.C. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member // (a) of a Group (See Instructions) (b) // Sec Use Only Citizenship or Place of Organization State of Washington Number of Shares Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person (5) Sole Voting Power - -0-

3,187,500

Shared Voting Power

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		(7)	Sole Dispositive Power				
			0-				
		(8)	Shared Dispositive Power				
			3,187,500				
(9)	Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person						
	3,187,500						
(10)	Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions) //						
(11)	Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (9)			_			
	6.7%						
(12)	Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)						
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CUSIP I	No. <u>05379B107</u>						
(1)	Names of Reporting Persons.						
()	I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only).						
	William H. Gates III						
(2)	Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)	(a) (b)	// //				
(3)	Sec Use Only						
(4)	Citizenship or Place of Organization						
	United States of America						
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ITEM 1	l .							
(a)	Name of Issuer						
		Avista Corpo	oration (the "Issuer")					
(b)	Address of I	ssuer's Principal Executive Offices					
		1411 East M	Sission Avenue, Spokane, Washington, 99202					
ITEM 2	2.							
(a)	Name of Per	rson Filing					
		(1) Cascade Investment, L.L.C. ("Cascade") (2) William H. Gates III						
(b)	Address of F	Principal Business Office or, if none, Residence					
		(1) 2365 Carillon Point, Kirkland, Washington 98033(2) One Microsoft Way, Redmond, WA 98052						
((c) Citizenship							
	(1) Cascade is a limited liability company organized under the laws of the State of Washington.(2) William H. Gates III is a citizen of the United States of America.							
(d)	Title of Clas	s of Securities					
		Common Sto	ock, no Par Value					
(e)	CUSIP Number						
		05379B107						
ITEM 3	3.	Not Applica	ble.					
ITEM 4	ı. OV	WNERSHIP						
(a)	Amount ben	eficially owned:					
			3,187,500					
((b) Percent of class:							
			6.7%					
(c)	Number of s	hares as to which the person has:					
		(i)	Sole power to vote or to direct the vote					
			0-					
		(ii)	Shared power to vote or to direct the vote					
			3,187,500					

	(iii)	Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposi	ition of							
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	(iv)	Shared power to dispose or to direct the dispose	osition of							
		3,187,500								
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*	Cascad		cially owned by William H. Gates III as the sole men investment power with respect to the Common Stoc neficially owned by Cascade and Mr. Gates.							
ITEM 5. O	WNERSH	IP OF FIVE PERCENT OR LESS OF A CLA	SS							
Not Ap	oplicable.									
ITEM 6. O	WNERSH	IP OF MORE THAN FIVE PERCENT ON B	EHALF OF ANOTHER PERSON							
Not A _I	oplicable.									
ITEM 7.	TEM 7. IDENTIFICATION AND CLASSIFICATION OF THE SUBSIDIARY WHICH ACQUIRED THE SECURITY BEING REPORTED ON BY THE PARENT HOLDING COMPANY Not Applicable.									
ITEM 8. II	DENTIFIC	ATION AND CLASSIFICATION OF MEMB	ERS OF THE GROUP							
Not A _I	oplicable.									
ITEM 9. N	OTICE O	F DISSOLUTION OF GROUP								
Not A _I	oplicable.									
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ITEM 10. (CERTIFIC	ATION								
	By sign	ning below I certify that, to the best of my knowle of business and were not acquired and are not hel	edge and belief, the securities referred to above were d for the purpose of or with the effect of changing on connection with or as a participant in any transacti	r influencing the control of the issu						
			SIGNATURE							
After r	easonable i	nquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belie	ef, I certify that the information set forth in this states	ment is true, complete and correct.						
February 12	2, 2002									
Date										
			Cascade Investment, L.L.C. By /s/ MICHAEL LARSON							
			Michael Larson, Manager							
			By /s/ MICHAEL LARSON							
			William H. Gates III, by Michael Larson as attorney-in-fact	*						

JOINT FILING AGREEMENT

We, the signatories of the statement to which this Joint Filing Agreement is attached, hereby agree that such statement is filed, and any amendments thereto filed by either or both of us will be filed, on behalf of each of us.

Date

Cascade Investment, L.L.C. By /s/ MICHAEL LARSON

Michael Larson, Manager

By /s/ MICHAEL LARSON

William H. Gates III, by Michael Larson as attorney-in-fact*

* Duly authorized under power of attorney dated March 14, 2001, by and on behalf of William H. Gates III, filed with Cascade's Amendment No. 1 to Schedule 13D with respect to Pan American Silver Corp. on March 19, 2001, SEC File Number 005-52919, and incorporated by reference bergin

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