

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM S-3**

**Pre-effective Amendment No. 1**  
**to**  
**REGISTRATION STATEMENT**  
*Under*  
**THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933**

**AVISTA CORPORATION**

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

**Washington**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

**4931**  
(Primary Standard Industrial  
Classification Code Number)

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

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If the only securities being registered on this Form are being offered pursuant to dividend or interest reinvestment plans, please check the following box.

If any of the securities being registered on this form are to be offered on a delayed or continuous basis pursuant to Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933, other than securities offered only in connection with dividend or interest reinvestment plans, check the following box.

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**The information contained in this prospectus is not complete and may be changed. We may not sell these securities until the registration statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission is effective. This prospectus is not an offer to sell these securities and it is not soliciting an offer to buy these securities in any state where the offer or sale is not permitted.**

**SUBJECT TO COMPLETION,  
DATED AUGUST 19, 2003**

**PROSPECTUS**

**\$150,000,000**

**AVISTA CORPORATION**

**Debt Securities**

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Avista Corporation may offer from time to time up to \$150,000,000 in principal amount of its secured and unsecured debt securities, in one or more series, at prices and on terms to be determined at the time of sale.

One or more supplements to this prospectus will indicate the terms of each series of debt securities, and each tranche within a series including, where applicable, the

- series designation,
- principal amount,
- stated maturity date,
- interest rate and interest payment dates,
- initial public offering price, and
- provisions for redemption, if any.

Avista Corporation may sell the debt securities to or through underwriters, dealers or agents or directly to one or more purchasers. The applicable prospectus supplement will describe each offering of the debt securities.

**Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or passed upon the accuracy or adequacy of this prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.**

**The date of this Prospectus is , 2003**

This prospectus incorporates by reference important business and financial information about Avista Corp. that is not included in or delivered with this prospectus. See “Where You Can Find More Information”. You may obtain copies of documents containing such information from us, without charge, by either calling or writing to us at:

Avista Corporation  
Post Office Box 3727  
Spokane, Washington 99220  
Attention: Treasurer  
Telephone: (509) 489-0500

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**We have not authorized anyone to give you any information other than this prospectus and the usual supplements to this prospectus. You should not assume that the information contained in this prospectus, any prospectus supplement or any document incorporated by reference in this prospectus is accurate as of any date other than the date mentioned on the cover page of those documents. We are not offering to sell the Debt Securities (defined below) and we are not soliciting offers to buy the Debt Securities in any jurisdiction in which offers are not permitted.**

#### ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS

This prospectus is part of a registration statement that Avista Corporation filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, (the “SEC”), using the “shelf” registration process. Under this shelf registration process, we may, from time to time, sell the securities described in this prospectus in one or more offerings up to a total dollar amount of \$150,000,000. This prospectus provides a general description of the securities we may offer. Each time we sell securities, we will provide a prospectus supplement that will contain specific information about the terms of that offering. That prospectus supplement may include or incorporate by reference a detailed and current discussion of any risk factors and will discuss any special considerations applicable to those securities, including the plan of distribution. The prospectus supplement may also add, update or change information contained in this prospectus. You should read both this prospectus and any prospectus supplement together with additional information described under “Where You Can Find More Information”. If there is any inconsistency between the information in this prospectus and any prospectus supplement, you should rely on the information contained in that prospectus supplement.

References in the prospectus to the term “we”, “us” or “Avista Corp.” or other similar terms mean Avista Corporation and its consolidated subsidiaries, unless we state otherwise or the context indicates otherwise.

We may use this prospectus to offer from time to time:

- Secured bonds issued under a Mortgage and Deed of Trust, dated as of June 1, 1939 (the “Original Mortgage”) between Avista Corp. and Citibank, N.A., as trustee (the “Mortgage Trustee”); the Original Mortgage, as amended and supplemented from time to time, being hereinafter called the “Mortgage”. The secured bonds offered by this prospectus are hereinafter referred to as “Bonds”.
- Unsecured notes, debentures or other debt securities issued under an Indenture, dated as of April 1, 1998 (the “Original Indenture”) between Avista Corp. and JPMorgan Chase Bank, as trustee (the “Indenture Trustee”); the Original Indenture, as amended and supplemented from time to time, being hereinafter called the “Indenture”. The unsecured notes, debentures and other debt securities offered by this prospectus are hereinafter referred to as “Notes” and, together with the Bonds, are hereinafter referred to as “Debt Securities”.

For more detailed information about the Debt Securities, you can read the exhibits to the registration statement. Those exhibits have been either filed with the registration statement or incorporated by reference to earlier SEC filings listed in the registration statement. See “Where You Can Find More Information”.

**See page 3 for “SAFE HARBOR FOR FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENTS”, which sets forth a warning regarding forward-looking information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus.**

## SAFE HARBOR FOR FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

We are including the following cautionary statements in this prospectus to make applicable and to take advantage of the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 for any forward-looking statements made by, or on behalf of, Avista Corp. Forward-looking statements include statements concerning plans, objectives, goals, strategies, projections of future events or performance, and underlying assumptions (many of which are based, in turn, upon further assumptions) and are all statements which are not statements of historical fact. Forward-looking statements include statements that are identified by the use of the words such as, but not limited to, “will”, “anticipates”, “seeks to”, “estimates”, “expects”, “intends”, “plans”, “predicts”, and similar expressions. From time to time, we may publish or otherwise make available forward-looking statements of this nature. All such subsequent forward-looking statements, whether written or oral and whether made by or on behalf of Avista Corp., are also expressly qualified by these cautionary statements.

Such statements are inherently subject to a variety of risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed. Most of these uncertainties are beyond our control. Such risks and uncertainties include, among others:

- Changes in the utility regulatory environment in the individual states in which we operate and the United States in general. This can impact allowed rates of return, financings, or industry and rate structures;
- The impact of regulatory and legislative decisions, including Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (“FERC”) price controls, and including possible retroactive price caps and resulting refunds;
- The impact from the potential formation of a regional transmission organization and/or an independent transmission company;
- The impact from the implementation of the FERC’s proposed wholesale power market rules;
- Volatility and illiquidity in wholesale energy markets, including the availability and prices of purchased energy;
- Wholesale and retail competition (including, but not limited to, electric retail wheeling and transmission costs);
- Future streamflow conditions that affect the availability of hydroelectric resources;
- Outages at any Avista Corp. owned generating facilities;
- Unanticipated delays or changes in construction costs with respect to present or prospective generating facilities;
- Changes in weather conditions that can affect customer demand, result in natural disasters and/or customer outages;
- Changes in industrial, commercial and residential growth and demographic patterns in our service territory;
- The loss of significant customers and/or suppliers;
- Failure to deliver on the part of any parties from which we purchase and/or sell capacity or energy;
- Changes in the creditworthiness of customers and energy trading counterparties;

- Our ability to obtain financing through the issuance of debt and/or equity securities, which can be affected by various factors including our credit ratings, interest rate fluctuations and other capital market conditions;
- Changes in future economic conditions in our service territory and the United States in general, including inflation or deflation and monetary policy;
- The potential for future terrorist attacks, particularly with respect to utility plant assets;
- Changes in tax rates and/or policies;
- Changes in, and compliance with, environmental and endangered species laws, regulations, decisions and policies, including present and potential environmental remediation costs;
- The outcome of legal and regulatory proceedings concerning Avista Corp. or affecting directly or indirectly its operations;
- Employee issues, including changes in collective bargaining unit agreements, strikes, work stoppages or the loss of key executives;
- Changes in actuarial assumptions and the return on assets with respect to our pension plan, which can impact future funding obligations, costs and pension plan liabilities;
- Increasing health care costs and the resulting effect on health insurance premiums paid for employees and on the obligation to provide post-retirement health care benefits; and
- Increasing costs of insurance, changes in coverage terms and the ability to obtain insurance.

Our expectations, beliefs and projections are expressed in good faith and are believed by us to have a reasonable basis, including without limitation management's examination of historical operating trends, data contained in our records and other data available from third parties. However, there can be no assurance that our expectations, beliefs, or projections will be achieved or accomplished. Furthermore, any forward-looking statement speaks only as of the date on which such statement is made. We undertake no obligation to update any forward-looking statement or statements to reflect events or circumstances that occur after the date on which such statement is made or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events. New factors emerge from time to time, and it is not possible for management to predict all such factors, nor can it assess the impact of each such factor on Avista Corp.'s business or the extent to which any such factor, or combination of factors, may cause actual results to differ materially from those contained in any forward-looking statement.

**General**

Avista Corp., which was incorporated in the State of Washington in 1889, is an energy company engaged in the generation, transmission and distribution of energy as well as other energy-related businesses. Our corporate headquarters are in Spokane, Washington, which serves as the Inland Northwest center for manufacturing, transportation, health care, education, communication, agricultural, financial and service businesses.

Our operations are organized into four lines of business:

- Avista Utilities;
- Energy Marketing and Resource Management;
- Avista Advantage, Inc. (“Avista Advantage”); and
- Other.

Avista Utilities, which is an operating division of Avista Corp. and not a separate entity, generates, transmits and distributes electricity and distributes natural gas to customers in four western states and is subject to state and federal price regulation. Avista Capital, our wholly-owned subsidiary, owns all of the subsidiary companies engaged in the other non-utility lines of business.

**Avista Utilities**

Avista Utilities generates, transmits and distributes electricity and distributes natural gas. Our retail electric and natural gas customers include residential, commercial and industrial classifications. Avista Utilities also engages in wholesale purchases and sales of electric capacity and energy as part of its resource management and load-serving obligations.

Avista Utilities currently provides electricity and natural gas distribution and transmission services in a 26,000 square mile area in eastern Washington and northern Idaho with a population of approximately 813,000. It also provides natural gas distribution service in northeast and southwest Oregon and the South Lake Tahoe region of California, over a combined area of 4,000 square miles having a population of approximately 611,000 as of December 31, 2002. At the end of 2002, Avista Utilities supplied retail electric service to approximately 320,000 customers in eastern Washington and northern Idaho, and retail natural gas service to approximately 290,000 customers in parts of Washington, Idaho, Oregon and California.

In addition to providing electric transmission and distribution services, Avista Utilities generates electricity for sales to retail customers. Avista Utilities owns and operates eight hydroelectric projects, a wood-waste fueled generating station, a two-unit natural gas-fired combustion turbine (“CT”) generating facility and two small generating facilities. It also owns a 15% share in a two-unit coal-fired generating facility and leases and operates a two-unit natural gas-fired CT generating facility. In July 2003, the natural gas-fired Coyote Springs 2 Generation Project (“Coyote Springs 2”) was placed into operation. Avista Utilities has a 50% ownership interest (totaling approximately 140 megawatts) in Coyote Springs 2. Including its ownership interest in Coyote Springs 2, Avista Utilities has generating facilities having a total net capability of approximately 1,651 megawatts (MW), of which approximately 58% is hydroelectric and 42% is thermal. In addition to company owned resources, Avista Utilities has a number of long-term power purchase and exchange contracts that increase its available resources.

**Energy Marketing and Resource Management**

The Energy Marketing and Resource Management line of business includes Avista Energy, Inc. (“Avista Energy”) and Avista Power, LLC (“Avista Power”) both wholly-owned subsidiaries of Avista Capital.

Avista Energy is an electricity and natural gas marketing and resource management business operating primarily within the Western Electricity Coordinating Council geographic area, which is comprised of eleven western states as well as the provinces of British Columbia and Alberta, Canada. Avista Energy's customers include commercial and industrial end-users, electric utilities, natural gas distribution companies and other trading companies.

Avista Power was formed to develop and own generation assets. Avista Power continues to manage the generation assets it currently owns.

#### **Avista Advantage**

Avista Advantage is a provider of internet-based facility intelligence, cost management, billing and information services to multi-site retail customers throughout North America. Its primary product lines include consolidated billing, resource accounting, energy analysis and load profiling services.

#### **Other**

The Other line of business includes several subsidiaries, including Avista Ventures, Inc., Pentzer Corporation, Avista Development, Avista Services and the operations of Avista Capital that are not included through its subsidiaries. The Company continues to limit its future investment in this line of business.

#### **Discontinued Operations**

In July 2003, we announced an investment by a group of private equity investors in a new entity, AVLB, Inc., which acquired assets previously held by our fuel cell manufacturing and development subsidiary, Avista Laboratories, Inc. The investors have raised an initial \$7.5 million in funding, which includes a commitment by us to provide funding of up to \$1.5 million under certain conditions. We have a 19.9% ownership interest in AVLB, Inc.

Avista Communications, Inc., formerly part of the Information and Technology line of business with Avista Advantage and Avista Laboratories, Inc., provided various telecommunications services to several communities in the western United States. In September 2001, Avista Corp. decided to dispose of substantially all of the assets of Avista Communications, Inc., and the divestiture of operating assets was completed by the end of 2002.

#### **USE OF PROCEEDS**

Avista Corp. intends to use the net proceeds from the issuance and sale of the Debt Securities offered by this prospectus for any or all of the following purposes: (a) to refinance maturing long-term debt, (b) to continue to fund retirements (through redemption, purchase or acquisition) of longer-term debt and (c) to accomplish other general corporate purposes permitted by law.

#### **DESCRIPTION OF THE BONDS**

Avista Corp. may issue the Bonds in one or more series or tranches within a series. The terms of the Bonds will include those stated in the Mortgage and those made part of the Mortgage by the Trust Indenture Act. The following summary is not complete and is subject in all respects to the provisions of, and is qualified in its entirety by reference to, the Mortgage and the Trust Indenture Act. The Bonds, together with all other debt securities outstanding under the Mortgage, are hereinafter called, collectively, the "Mortgage Securities". Avista Corp. has filed the Mortgage, as well as a form of supplemental indenture to the Mortgage to establish a series of Bonds, as exhibits to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part. Capitalized terms used under this heading which are not otherwise defined in this prospectus have the meanings set forth in the Mortgage. Wherever particular provisions of the Mortgage or terms defined in the Mortgage are referred to, those provisions or definitions are incorporated by reference as part of the statements made in this prospectus and those statements are qualified in their entirety by that reference. Sections 125 through 150 of the Mortgage appear in the first supplemental mortgage.

The registered holder of a Bond will be treated as the owner of it for all purposes. Only registered holders will have rights under the Mortgage.

The applicable prospectus supplements will describe the following terms of the Bonds of each series:

- the title of the Bonds;
- any limit upon the aggregate principal amount of the Bonds;
- the date or dates on which the principal of the Bonds is payable or the method of determination thereof and the right, if any, to extend such date or dates;
- (a) the rate or rates at which the Bonds will bear interest, if any, or the method by which such rate or rates, if any, will be determined, (b) the date or dates from which any such interest will accrue, (c) the interest payment dates on which any such interest will be payable, (d) the right, if any, of Avista Corp. to defer or extend an interest payment date, (e) the regular record date for any interest payable on any interest payment date and (f) the person or persons to whom the interest on the Bonds will be payable on any interest payment date, if other than the person or persons in whose names the Bonds are registered at the close of business on the regular record date for such interest;
- any period or periods within which, or date or dates on which, the price or prices at which and the terms and conditions upon which the Bonds may be redeemed, in whole or in part, at the option of Avista Corp.;
- (a) the obligation or obligations, if any, of Avista Corp. to redeem or purchase any of the Bonds pursuant to any sinking fund or other mandatory redemption provisions or at the option of the Holder, (b) the period or periods within which, or date or dates on which, the price or prices at which and the terms and conditions upon which the Bonds will be redeemed or purchased, in whole or in part, pursuant to such obligation, and (c) applicable exceptions to the requirements of a notice of redemption in the case of mandatory redemption or redemption at the option of the Holder;
- the terms, if any, upon which the Bonds may be converted into other securities of Avista Corp.;
- the denominations in which any of the Bonds will be issuable if other than denominations of \$1,000 and any integral multiple of \$1,000;
- if the Bonds are to be issued in global form, the identity of the depositary; and
- any other terms of the Bonds.

#### **Payment and Paying Agents**

Except as may be provided in the applicable prospectus supplement, Avista Corp. will pay interest, if any, on each Bond on each interest payment date to the person in whose name such Bond is registered (for purposes of this section of the prospectus, the registered holder of any Mortgage Security is herein referred to as a “Holder”) as of the close of business on the regular record date relating to such interest payment date; *provided, however*, that Avista Corp. will pay interest at maturity (whether at stated maturity, upon redemption or otherwise, “Maturity”) to the person to whom principal is paid.

Unless otherwise specified in the applicable prospectus supplement, Avista Corp. will pay the principal of and premium, if any, and interest, if any, on the Bonds at Maturity upon presentation of the Bonds at the corporate trust office of Citibank, N.A. in New York, New York, as paying agent for Avista Corp. Avista Corp. may change the place of payment of the Bonds, may appoint one or more additional paying agents (including Avista Corp.) and may remove any paying agent, all at its discretion.



## **Registration and Transfer**

The transfer of Bonds may be registered, and Bonds may be exchanged for other Bonds, upon surrender thereof at the principal office of Citibank N.A. which has been designated by Avista Corp. as its office or agency for such purposes. Avista Corp. may change such office or agency, and may designate an additional office or agency, in its discretion. No service charge will be made for any registration of transfer or exchange of Bonds, but Avista Corp. may require payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge incident thereto. Avista Corp. will not be required to make any transfer or exchange of any Bonds for a period of 10 days next preceding any selection of Bonds for redemption, nor will it be required to make transfers or exchanges of any Bonds which have been selected for redemption in whole or in part or as to which Avista Corp. shall have received a notice for the redemption thereof in whole or in part at the option of the owner.

## **Redemption**

The applicable prospectus supplement will indicate the extent, if any, to which the Bonds will be subject to (a) general redemption at the option of Avista Corp. or (b) special redemption by the application (either at the option of Avista Corp. or pursuant to the requirements of the Mortgage) of (x) cash deposited with the Mortgage Trustee as described under "Special Provisions for Retirement of Bonds" below or (y) cash deposited with the Mortgage Trustee in connection with the release of property from the lien of the Mortgage.

Notice of redemption will be given by mail not less than 30 days prior to the date fixed for redemption. (Mortgage, Sec. 52)

If less than all the Bonds of a series are to be redeemed, the particular Bonds to be redeemed will be selected by the Mortgage Trustee by lot, according to such method as it shall deem proper in its discretion. (Mortgage, Sec. 52)

Any notice of redemption at the option of Avista Corp. may state that such redemption will be conditional upon receipt by the Mortgage Trustee, on or before the date fixed for such redemption, of money sufficient to pay the principal of and premium, if any, and interest, if any, on such Bonds and that if such money has not been so received, such notice will be of no force or effect and Avista Corp. will not be required to redeem such Bonds. (Mortgage, Sec. 52)

## **Issuance of Additional Mortgage Securities**

In addition to the Bonds, other debt securities may be issued under the Mortgage. The present principal amount of debt securities which may be outstanding under the Mortgage is \$10,000,000,000. However, Avista Corp. has reserved the right to amend the Mortgage (without any consent of or other action of Holders of any bonds now or hereafter outstanding) to remove this limitation.

Mortgage Securities of any series may be issued from time to time on the basis of:

- 70% of cost or fair value to Avista Corp. (whichever is less) of property additions which have not previously been made the basis of any application under the Mortgage and therefore do not constitute funded property after adjustments to offset property retirements;
- an equal principal amount of Mortgage Securities which have been or are to be paid, redeemed or otherwise retired and have not previously been made the basis of any application under the Mortgage; or
- deposit of cash.

Property additions generally include electric, natural gas, steam or water property acquired after May 31, 1939, but may not include property used principally for the production or gathering of natural gas. Any such property additions may be used if their ownership and operation is within the corporate purposes of Avista Corp. regardless of whether or not Avista Corp. has all the necessary permission it may need at any time from governmental authorities to operate such property additions.

The Mortgage provides that no reduction in the book value of the property recorded in the plant account of Avista Corp. shall constitute a property retirement, otherwise than in connection with physical retirements of property abandoned, destroyed or disposed of, and otherwise than in connection with the removal of such property in its entirety from the plant account.

The Holders of the Bonds will be deemed to have consented to an amendment to the provision of the mortgage which requires that Avista Corp. deliver an opinion of counsel as to the status of the lien of the Mortgage on property additions being certified to the Mortgage Trustee. The amendment would permit us to deliver to the Mortgage Trustee, in lieu of such opinion, title insurance with respect to such property additions in an amount not less than 35% of the cost or fair value to Avista Corp. (whichever is less) of such property additions. Such amendment could not be made without the requisite consent of the Holders of outstanding bonds as described under “—Modification”.

No Mortgage Securities may be issued on the basis of property additions subject to prior liens, unless the prior lien bonds secured thereby have been qualified by being deducted from the Mortgage Securities otherwise issuable and do not exceed 70% of such property additions, and unless the Mortgage Securities then to be outstanding which have been issued against property subject to continuing prior liens and certain other items would not exceed 15% of the Mortgage Securities outstanding.

The amount of prior liens on mortgaged property acquired after the date of delivery of the Mortgage may be increased subsequent to the acquisition of such property provided that, if any property subject to such prior lien shall have been made the basis of any application under the Mortgage, all the additional obligation are deposited with the Mortgage Trustee or other holder of a prior lien.

(Mortgage, Secs. 4 through 8, 20 through 30 and 46; First Supplemental, Sec. 2; Eleventh Supplemental, Sec. 5; Twelfth Supplemental, Sec. 1; Fourteenth Supplemental, Sec. 4; Seventeenth Supplemental, Sec. 3; Eighteenth Supplemental, Secs. 1, 2 and 6; Twenty-sixth Supplemental, Sec. 2; Twenty-ninth Supplemental, Art. II)

#### *Net Earnings Test*

In general, Avista Corp. may not issue Mortgage Securities on the basis of property additions or cash unless net earnings for 12 consecutive months out of the preceding 18 calendar months (before income taxes, depreciation and amortization of property, property losses and interest on any indebtedness and amortization of debt discount and expense) are at least twice the annual interest requirements on all Mortgage Securities at the time outstanding, including the additional issue, and on all indebtedness of prior rank.

Avista Corp. is not required to satisfy the net earnings requirement prior to the issuance of Mortgage Securities on the basis of retired securities unless

- the annual requirements of the retired Mortgage Securities on the basis of which the Bonds are to be issued have been excluded from a net earnings certificate delivered to the Mortgage Trustee since the retirement of such Mortgage Securities or
- the retired Mortgage Securities on the basis of which the Bonds are to be issued mature by their terms at a date more than two years after the date for authentication and delivery of such Mortgage Securities and the Bonds bear interest at a higher rate than such retired Mortgage Securities.

In general, the Mortgage permits the inclusion of the following items in net earnings:

- revenues collected or accrued subject to possible refund;
- any portion of the allowance for funds used during construction; and
- any portion of the allowance for funds used to conserve energy (or any analogous amount), which is not included in “other income” (or any analogous item) in Avista Corp.’s books of account.

The Mortgage also provides that, in calculating net earnings, no deduction from revenues or other income shall be made for

- expenses or provisions for any non-recurring charge to income of whatever kind or nature (including without limitation the recognition of expense due to the non-recoverability of investment); or
- provisions for any refund of revenues previously collected or accrued subject to possible refund.

In general, the interest rate requirement with respect to variable interest rate indebtedness, if any, is determined by reference to the rate or rates to be in effect at the time of the initial issuance. However, if any Mortgage Securities or prior ranking indebtedness bears interest at a variable rate, the annual interest requirements thereon shall be determined by reference to the rate or rates in effect on the date next preceding the date of the new issue of Mortgage Securities.

#### **Security; Structural Subordination**

The Bonds, together with all other Mortgage Securities now or hereafter issued under the Mortgage, will be secured by the Mortgage, which constitutes a first mortgage lien on Avista Corp.’s facilities for the generation, transmission and distribution of electric energy and the storage and distribution of natural gas and substantially all of Avista Corp.’s assets (except as stated below), subject to

- leases of minor portions of Avista Corp.’s property to others for uses that do not interfere with Avista Corp.’s business;
- leases of certain property of Avista Corp. not used in its utility business;
- excepted encumbrances, as defined in the Mortgage; and
- encumbrances, defects and irregularities deemed immaterial by Avista Corp. in the operation of Avista Corp.’s business.

There are excepted from the lien all cash and securities (including without limitation securities issued by Avista Corp.’s subsidiaries); merchandise, equipment, materials or supplies held for sale or consumption in Avista Corp.’s operations; receivables, contracts, leases and operating agreements; electric energy, and other material or products (including gas) generated, manufactured, produced or purchased by Avista Corp., for sale, distribution or use in the ordinary course of its business. (Mortgage, Granting Clauses)

The Mortgage contains provisions for subjecting to the lien thereof all property (other than property of the kinds excepted from such lien) acquired by Avista Corp. after the execution and delivery thereof, subject to purchase money liens and liens existing thereon at the time of acquisition and, subject to limitations in the case of consolidation, merger or sale of substantially all of Avista Corp.’s assets. (Mortgage, Granting Clauses and Art. XV)

The Mortgage provides that the lien of the Mortgage shall not automatically attach to the properties of another corporation which shall have consolidated or merged with Avista Corp. in a transaction in which Avista Corp. shall be the surviving or resulting corporation. (Mortgage, Sec. 87)

The Mortgage provides that the Mortgage Trustee shall have a lien upon the mortgaged property, prior to the Mortgage Securities, for the payment of its reasonable compensation and expenses and for indemnity. (Mortgage, Secs. 92 and 97; First Supplemental, Art. XXV)

Although its utility operations are conducted directly by Avista Corp., all of the other operations of Avista Corp. are conducted through its subsidiaries. The lien of the Mortgage does not cover the assets of the subsidiaries or the securities of the subsidiaries held by Avista Corp. Any right of Avista Corp., as a shareholder, to receive assets of any of its direct or indirect subsidiaries upon such subsidiary's liquidation or reorganization (and the right of the holders of the Bonds and other creditors of Avista Corp. to participate in those assets) is junior to the claims against such assets of that subsidiary's creditors. As a result, the obligations of Avista Corp. to the holders of the Bonds and other creditors are effectively subordinated in right of payment to all indebtedness and other liabilities and commitments (including trade payables and lease obligations) of Avista Corp.'s direct and indirect subsidiaries.

At June 30, 2003, \$558.5 million of Mortgage Securities were outstanding. This amount includes \$245 million of non-transferable Mortgage Securities which were issued in May 2003 to the agent bank under Avista Corp.'s primary credit facility in order to provide the benefit of the lien of the Mortgage to secure Avista Corp.'s obligations. The indebtedness under the credit facility (including the collateral bonds) are included in Avista Corp.'s short-term debt.

#### **Maintenance**

The Mortgage provides that Avista Corp. will cause (or, with respect to property owned in common with others, make reasonable effort to cause) the mortgaged property to be maintained and kept in good repair, working order and condition, and will cause (or, with respect to property owned in common with others, make reasonable effort to cause) to be made such repairs, renewals and replacements of the mortgaged property as, in Avista Corp.'s sole judgment, may be necessary to operate the mortgaged property in accordance with common industry practice. Avista Corp. may discontinue, or cause or consent to the discontinuance of, the operation and maintenance of any of its properties if such discontinuance is, in the sole judgment of Avista Corp., desirable in the conduct of its business. (Mortgage, Sec. 38)

#### **Special Provisions for Retirement of Bonds**

If, during any 12-month period, any of the mortgaged property is taken by eminent domain and/or sold to any governmental, authority and/or sold pursuant to an order of a governmental authority, with the result that Avista Corp. receives \$15,000,000 or more in cash or in principal amount of purchase money obligations, Avista Corp. is required to apply such cash and the proceeds of such obligations (subject to certain conditions and deductions, and to the extent not otherwise applied) to the redemption of Mortgage Securities which are, by their, terms, redeemable before maturity by the application of such cash and proceeds. (Mortgage, Sec. 64; Tenth Supplemental, Sec. 4)

#### **Release and Substitution of Property**

Unless Avista Corp. is in default in the payment of the interest on any Mortgage Securities then outstanding under the Mortgage, or a Completed Default shall have occurred and is continuing, Avista Corp. may obtain the release from the lien of the Mortgage of any mortgaged property upon the deposit of cash equal to the amount, if any, that the fair value of the property to be released exceeds the aggregate of:

- (1) the principal amount of any obligations secured by purchase money mortgage upon the property released and delivered to the Mortgage Trustee;
- (2) the cost or fair value (whichever is less) of property additions which do not constitute funded property, after certain deductions and additions;
- (3) an amount equal to 10/7<sup>ths</sup> of the principal amount of Mortgage Securities that Avista Corp. would be entitled to issue on the basis of retired securities (with such entitlement being waived by operation of such release); and

- (4) the principal amount of obligations secured by purchase money mortgage upon the property released, and/or an amount in cash delivered to the Mortgage Trustee or other holder of a lien prior to the lien of the Mortgage.

The use of obligations secured by purchase money mortgage as a credit in connection with the release of property, as described in clauses (1) and (4) above, is subject to the following limitations:

- (1) the aggregate credit which may be used as described in clauses (1) and (4) above in respect of any property being released may not exceed 70% of the fair value of such property; and
- (2) the aggregate principal amount of such obligations described in (1) and (4) above and all other obligations secured by purchase money mortgage delivered to the Mortgage Trustee pursuant to said clauses (1) and (4) and then held as part of the mortgaged property by the Mortgage Trustee or the trustee or other holder of a prior lien shall not exceed 40% of the aggregate principal amount of outstanding Mortgage Securities.

To the extent that property so released does not constitute funded property, the property additions used to effect the release will not, in certain cases, be deemed to constitute funded property, and the waiver of the right to issue Mortgage Securities to effect the release will, in certain cases, cease to be effective as such a waiver, all upon the satisfaction of certain conditions specified in the Mortgage. The Mortgage contains similar provisions as to cash proceeds of such property. The Mortgage also contains special provisions with respect to prior lien bonds pledged, and disposition of moneys received on pledged bonds secured by prior lien. (Mortgage, Secs. 5; 31, 32, 46 through 50, 59, 60, 61, 118 and 134)

## **Modification**

### *Modifications Without Consent*

Avista Corp. and the Mortgage Trustee may enter into one or more supplemental indentures without the consent of any Holders for any of the following purposes:

- to evidence the succession of a successor trustee;
- to add additional covenants of Avista Corp. and additional defaults, which may be applicable only to the Mortgage Securities of specified series;
- to correct the description of property subject to the lien of the Mortgage or to subject additional property to such lien;
- to change or eliminate any provision of the Mortgage or to add any new provision to the Mortgage; provided, that no such change, elimination or addition shall adversely affect the interests of the Holders in any material respect;
- to establish the form or terms of Mortgage Securities of any series;
- to provide for procedures to utilize a non-certificated system of registration for all or any series of Mortgage Securities;
- to change any place or places for payment, registration of transfer or exchange, or notices to and demands upon Avista Corp., with respect to all or any series of Mortgage Securities;
- to increase or decrease the maximum principal amount of Mortgage Securities issuable under the Mortgage;

- to make any other changes which do not adversely affect interests of the Holders in any material respect; or
- to evidence any change required or permitted under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended.

(Mortgage, Sec. 120; Twenty-sixth Supplemental Indenture, Sec. 2; Twenty-ninth Supplemental Indenture, Article II)

#### *Modification With Consent*

In general, the Mortgage, the rights and obligations of Avista Corp. and the rights of the Holders may be modified with the consent of 60% in principal amount of the Mortgage Securities outstanding, and, if less than all series of Mortgage Securities are affected, the consent also of 60% in principal amount of the Mortgage Securities of each series affected. However, no modification of the terms of payment of principal or interest, and no modification affecting the lien or reducing the percentage required for modification, is effective against any Holder without its consent. (Mortgage, Art. XVIII, Sec. 149; First Supplemental, Sec. 10)

#### **Satisfaction and Discharge**

Mortgage Securities will be deemed to have been paid for purposes of satisfaction of the lien of the Mortgage if there shall have been irrevocably deposited with the Mortgage Trustee for the payment or redemption of such Mortgage Securities:

- money in an amount which will be sufficient,
- Government Obligations, none of which shall contain provisions permitting the redemption thereof at the option of the issuer thereof, the principal of and the interest on which when due, and without regard to reinvestment thereof, will provide moneys which will be sufficient, or
- a combination of money and Government Obligations which will be sufficient,

to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest due and to become due on all outstanding Mortgage Securities on the maturity date or redemption date of such Mortgage Securities. For this purpose, "Government Obligations" include direct obligations of the government of the United States or obligations guaranteed by the government of the United States. (Mortgage, Sec. 106)

The Mortgage Trustee may, and upon request of Avista Corp. shall, cancel and discharge the lien of the Mortgage and reconvey the Mortgaged Property to Avista Corp. whenever all indebtedness secured thereby has been paid.

The right of Avista Corp. to cause its entire indebtedness in respect of the Mortgage Securities of any series to be deemed to be satisfied and discharged as described above will be subject to the satisfaction of conditions specified in the instrument creating such series.

#### **Completed Defaults**

Any of the following events will constitute a "Completed Default" under the Mortgage:

- failure to pay principal of, or premium, if any, on any Mortgage Security when due;
- failure to pay interest on any Mortgage Security within sixty (60) days after the same becomes due;
- failure to pay interest on, or principal of, any qualified prior lien bonds beyond any grace period specified in the prior lien securing such prior lien bond;

- certain events relating to bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization of Avista Corp.; and
- failure to perform, or breach of any other covenants of Avista Corp. for a period of 90 days after notice to the Company from the Mortgage Trustee.

The Mortgage Trustee may withhold notice of default (except in payment of principal, interest or funds for retirement of Mortgage Securities) if it determines that it is in the interest of the Holders. (Mortgage, Secs. 44, 65 and 135)

## **Remedies**

### *Acceleration of Maturity*

If a Completed Default occurs and is continuing, the Mortgage Trustee may, and upon written request of the Holders of a majority in principal amount of Mortgage Securities then outstanding shall, declare the principal of, and accrued interest on, all outstanding Mortgage Securities immediately due and payable; provided however, that the Holders of a majority in principal amount of outstanding Mortgage Securities may annul such declaration if before any sale of the mortgaged property:

- all agreements with respect to which default shall have been made shall be fully performed or otherwise cured; and
- all overdue interest and all reasonable expenses of the Mortgage Trustee, its agents and attorneys shall have been paid by Avista Corp., except for the principal of any Mortgage Securities that would not have been due except for such acceleration.

(Mortgage, Sec. 65)

### *Possession of Mortgaged Property*

Under certain circumstances and to the extent permitted by law, if a Completed Default occurs and is continuing, the Mortgage Trustee has the power to take possession of, and to hold, operate and manage, the mortgaged property, or with or without entry, sell the mortgaged property. If the mortgaged property is sold, whether by the Mortgage Trustee or pursuant to judicial proceedings, the principal of the outstanding Mortgage Securities, if not previously due, will become immediately due. (Mortgage, Secs. 66, 67 and 71)

### *Right to Direct Proceedings*

If a Completed Default occurs and is continuing, the Holders of a majority in principal amount of the Mortgage Securities then outstanding will have the right to direct the time, method and place of conducting any proceedings to be taken for any sale of the mortgaged property, the foreclosure of the Mortgage, or for the appointment of a receiver or any other proceeding under the Mortgage, provided that such direction does not conflict with any rule of law or with the Mortgage. (Mortgage, Sec. 69)

### *No Impairment of Right to Receive Payment*

Notwithstanding any other provision of the Mortgage, the right of any Holder to receive payment of the principal of and interest on such bond, or to institute suit for the enforcement of any such payment, shall not be impaired or affected without the consent of such Holder. (Mortgage, Sec. 148)

### *Notice of Default*

No Holder may enforce the lien of the Mortgage unless such Holder shall have given the Mortgage Trustee written notice of a Completed Default and unless the Holders of 25% in principal amount of the Mortgage Securities have requested the Mortgage Trustee in writing to act and have offered the Mortgage Trustee adequate security and indemnity and a reasonable opportunity to act. (Mortgage, Sec. 79)

The laws of the various states in which the property subject to the lien of the Mortgage is located may limit or deny the ability of the Mortgage Trustee and/or the Holders to enforce certain rights and remedies provided in the Mortgage in accordance with their terms.

**Concerning the Mortgage Trustee**

The Mortgage Trustee has, and is subject to, all the duties and responsibilities specified with respect to an indenture trustee under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended. Subject to such provisions, the Mortgage Trustee is not under any obligation to take any action in respect of any default or otherwise, or toward the execution or enforcement of any of the trusts created by the Mortgage, or to institute, appear in or defend any suit or other proceeding in connection therewith, unless requested in writing so to do by the Holders of a majority in principal amount of the bonds then outstanding. Anything in the Mortgage to the contrary notwithstanding, the Mortgage Trustee is under no obligation or duty to perform any act thereunder (other than the delivery of notices) or to institute or defend any suit in respect hereof, unless properly indemnified to its satisfaction. (Mortgage, Sec. 92)

The Mortgage Trustee may at any time resign and be discharged of the trusts created by the Mortgage by giving written notice to Avista Corp. and thereafter publishing notice thereof, specifying a date when such resignation shall take effect, as provided in the Mortgage, and such resignation shall take effect upon the day specified in such notice unless a successor trustee shall have previously been appointed by the Holders or Avista Corp. and in such event such resignation shall take effect immediately upon the appointment of such successor trustee. The Mortgage Trustee may be removed at any time by the Holders of a majority in principal amount of the bonds then outstanding. (Mortgage, Secs. 100 and 101)

If Avista Corp. appoints a successor trustee and such successor trustee has accepted the appointment, the Mortgage Trustee will be deemed to have resigned as of the date of such successor trustee's acceptance. (Mortgage, Sec. 102)

**Evidence of Compliance with Mortgage Provisions**

Compliance with provisions of the Mortgage is evidenced by written statements of Avista Corp.'s officers or persons selected or paid by Avista Corp. In certain matters, statements must be made by an independent accountant or engineer. Various certificates and other papers are required to be filed annually and upon the happening of certain events, including an annual certificate with reference to compliance with the terms of the Mortgage and absence of Completed Defaults.



## DESCRIPTION OF THE NOTES

Avista Corp. may issue the Notes in one or more series, or in one or more tranches within a series, under the Indenture. The terms of the Notes will include those stated in the Indenture and those made part of the Indenture by the Trust Indenture Act. The following summary is not complete and is subject in all respects to the provisions of, and is qualified in its entirety by reference to, the Indenture and the Trust Indenture Act. The Notes, together with all other debt securities outstanding under the Indenture, are hereinafter called, collectively, the "Indenture Securities". Avista Corp. has filed the Indenture, as well as a form of officer's certificate to establish a series of Notes, as exhibits to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part. Capitalized terms used under this heading which are not otherwise defined in this prospectus have the meanings set forth in the Indenture. Wherever particular provisions of the Indenture or terms defined in the Indenture are referred to, those provisions or definitions are incorporated by reference as part of the statements made in this prospectus and those statements are qualified in their entirety by that reference. References to article and section numbers, unless otherwise indicated, are references to article and section numbers of the Indenture.

The applicable prospectus supplement or prospectus supplements will describe the following terms of the Notes of each series or tranche:

- the title of the Notes;
- any limit upon the aggregate principal amount of the Notes;
- the date or dates on which the principal of the Notes is payable or the method of determination thereof and the right, if any, to extend such date or dates;
- (a) the rate or rates at which the Notes will bear interest, if any, or the method by which such rate or rates, if any, will be determined, (b) the date or dates from which any such interest will accrue, (c) the interest payment dates on which any such interest will be payable, (d) the right, if any, of Avista Corp. to defer or extend an interest payment date, (e) the regular record date for any interest payable on any interest payment date and (f) the person or persons to whom interest on the Notes will be payable on any interest payment date, if other than the person or persons in whose names the Notes are registered at the close of business on the regular record date for such interest;
- any period or periods within which, or date or dates on which, the price or prices at which and the terms and conditions upon which the Notes may be redeemed, in whole or in part, at the option of Avista Corp.;
- (a) the obligation or obligations, if any, of Avista Corp. to redeem or purchase any of the Notes pursuant to any sinking fund or other mandatory redemption provisions or at the option of the Holder, (b) the period or periods within which, or date or dates on which, the price or prices at which and the terms and conditions upon which the Notes will be redeemed or purchased, in whole or in part, pursuant to such obligation, and (c) applicable exceptions to the requirements of a notice of redemption in the case of mandatory redemption or redemption at the option of the Holder;
- the denominations in which any of the Notes will be issuable if other than denominations of \$1,000 and any integral multiple of \$1,000;
- if the Notes are to be issued in global form, the identity of the depository;
- the terms, if any, upon which the Notes may be converted into other securities of Avista Corp.; and
- any other terms of the Notes.

## **Payment and Paying Agents**

Except as may be provided in the applicable prospectus supplement, Avista Corp. will pay interest, if any, on each Note on each interest payment date to the person in whose name such Note is registered (for the purposes of this section of the prospectus, the registered holder of any Indenture Security is herein referred to as a “Holder”) as of the close of business on the regular record date relating to such interest payment date; *provided, however*, that Avista Corp. will pay interest at maturity (whether at stated maturity, upon redemption or otherwise, “Maturity”) to the person to whom principal is paid. However, if there has been a default in the payment of interest on any Note, such defaulted interest may be payable to the Holder of such Note as of the close of business on a date selected by the Indenture Trustee which is not more than 30 days and not less than 10 days before the date proposed by Avista Corp. for payment of such defaulted interest or in any other lawful manner not inconsistent with the requirements of any securities exchange on which such Note may be listed, if the Indenture Trustee deems such manner of payment practicable. (Indenture, Sec. 307)

Unless otherwise specified in the applicable prospectus supplement, Avista Corp. will pay the principal of and premium, if any, and interest, if any, on the Notes at Maturity upon presentation of the Notes at the corporate trust office of JPMorgan Chase Bank in New York, New York, as paying agent for Avista Corp. Avista Corp. may change the place of payment of the Notes, may appoint one or more additional paying agents (including Avista Corp.) and may remove any paying agent, all at its discretion. (Indenture, Sec. 502)

## **Registration and Transfer**

Unless otherwise specified in the applicable prospectus supplement, Holders may register the transfer of Notes, and may exchange Notes for other Notes of the same series and tranche, of authorized denominations and having the same terms and aggregate principal amount, at the corporate trust office of JPMorgan Chase Bank in New York, New York, as security registrar for the Notes. Avista Corp. may change the place for registration of transfer and exchange of the Notes, may appoint one or more additional security registrars (including Avista Corp.) and may remove any security registrar, all at its discretion. (Indenture, Sec. 502)

Except as otherwise provided in the applicable prospectus supplement, no service charge will be made for any transfer or exchange of the Notes, but Avista Corp. may require payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge that may be imposed in connection with any registration of transfer or exchange of the Notes. Avista Corp. will not be required to execute or to provide for the registration of transfer or the exchange of (a) any Note during a period of 15 days before giving any notice of redemption or (b) any Note selected for redemption in whole or in part, except the unredeemed portion of any Note being redeemed in part. (Indenture, Sec. 305)

## **Redemption**

The applicable prospectus supplement will set forth any terms for the optional or mandatory redemption of Notes. Except as otherwise provided in the applicable prospectus supplement with respect to Notes redeemable at the option of the Holder, Notes will be redeemable by Avista Corp. only upon notice by mail not less than 30 nor more than 60 days before the date fixed for redemption. If less than all the Notes of a series, or any tranche thereof, are to be redeemed by Avista Corp., the particular Notes to be redeemed will be selected by such method as shall be provided for such series or tranche, or in the absence of any such provision, by such method of random selection as the Security Registrar deems fair and appropriate. (Indenture, Secs. 403 and 404)

Any notice of redemption at the option of Avista Corp. may state that such redemption will be conditional upon receipt by the paying agent or agents, on or before the date fixed for such redemption, of money sufficient to pay the principal of and premium, if any, and interest, if any, on such Notes and that if such money has not been so received, such notice will be of no force or effect and Avista Corp. will not be required to redeem such Notes. (Indenture, Sec. 404)

## **Unsecured Obligations; Structural Subordination**

The Indenture is not a mortgage or other lien on assets of the Company or its subsidiaries. In addition to the Notes, other debt securities may be issued under the Indenture, without any limit on the aggregate principal amount. Each series of Indenture Securities will be unsecured and will rank pari passu with all other series of Indenture Securities, except as otherwise provided in the Indenture, and with all other unsecured and unsubordinated indebtedness of Avista Corp. Except as otherwise described in the applicable prospectus supplement, the Indenture does not limit the incurrence or issuance by Avista Corp. of other secured or unsecured debt, whether under the Indenture, under any other indenture that Avista Corp. may enter into in the future or otherwise.

Although its utility operations are conducted directly by Avista Corp., all of the other operations of Avista Corp. are conducted through its subsidiaries. Any right of Avista Corp., as a shareholder, to receive assets of any of its direct or indirect subsidiaries upon the subsidiary's liquidation or reorganization (and the right of the Holders and other creditors of Avista Corp. to participate in those assets) is junior to the claims against such assets of that subsidiary's creditors. As a result, the obligations of Avista Corp. to the Holders and other creditors are effectively subordinated in right of payment to all indebtedness and other liabilities and commitments (including trade payables and lease obligations) of Avista Corp.'s direct and indirect subsidiaries.

## **Satisfaction And Discharge**

Any Indenture Securities, or any portion of the principal amount thereof, will be deemed to have been paid for purposes of the Indenture and, at Avista Corp.'s election, the entire indebtedness of Avista Corp. in respect thereof will be deemed to have been satisfied and discharged, if there shall have been irrevocably deposited in trust with the Indenture Trustee or any paying agent (other than Avista Corp.):

- (a) money in an amount which will be sufficient, or
- (b) in the case of a deposit made before the maturity of such Indenture Securities, Eligible Obligations, which do not contain provisions permitting the redemption or other prepayment thereof at the option of the issuer thereof, the principal of and the interest on which when due, without any regard to reinvestment thereof, will provide moneys which, together with the money, if any, deposited with or held by the Indenture Trustee or such Paying Agent, will be sufficient, or
- (c) a combination of (a) and (b) which will be sufficient,

to pay when due the principal of and premium, if any, and interest, if any, due and to become due on such Indenture Securities. For this purpose, Eligible Obligations include direct obligations of, or obligations unconditionally guaranteed by, the United States, entitled to the benefit of the full faith and credit thereof and certificates, depositary receipts or other instruments which evidence a direct ownership interest in such obligations or in any specific interest or principal payments due in respect thereof and such other obligations or instruments as shall be specified in an accompanying prospectus supplement. (Indenture, Sec. 601)

The right of Avista Corp. to cause its entire indebtedness in respect of the Indenture Securities of any series to be deemed to be satisfied and discharged as described above will be subject to the satisfaction of conditions specified in the instrument creating such series.

The Indenture will be deemed to have been satisfied and discharged when no Indenture Securities remain outstanding thereunder and Avista Corp. has paid or caused to be paid all other sums payable by Avista Corp. under the Indenture. (Indenture, Sec. 602)

## Events of Default

Any one or more of the following events with respect to a series of Indenture Securities that has occurred and is continuing will constitute an “Event of Default” with respect to such series of Indenture Securities:

- failure to pay interest on any Indenture Security of such series within 60 days after the same becomes due and payable; *provided, however*, that no such failure shall constitute an Event of Default if Avista Corp. has made a valid extension of the interest payment period with respect to the Indenture Securities of such series if so provided with respect to such series;
- failure to pay the principal of or premium, if any, on any Indenture Security of such series within 3 business days after its Maturity; *provided, however*, that no such failure will constitute an Event of Default if Avista Corp. has made a valid extension of the Maturity of the Indenture Securities of such series, if so provided with respect to such series;
- failure to perform, or breach of, any covenant or warranty of Avista Corp. contained in the Indenture for 90 days after written notice to Avista Corp. from the Indenture Trustee or to Avista Corp. and the Indenture Trustee by the Holders of at least 25% in principal amount of the outstanding Indenture Securities of such series as provided in the Indenture unless the Indenture Trustee, or the Indenture Trustee and the Holders of a principal amount of Indenture Securities of such series not less than the principal amount of Indenture Securities the Holders of which gave such notice, as the case may be, agree in writing to an extension of such period before its expiration; *provided, however*, that the Indenture Trustee, or the Indenture Trustee and the Holders of such principal amount of Indenture Securities of such series, as the case may be, will be deemed to have agreed to an extension of such period if corrective action is initiated by Avista Corp. within such period and is being diligently pursued;
- default under any bond, debenture, note or other evidence of indebtedness of Avista Corp. for borrowed money (including Indenture Securities of other series) or under any mortgage, indenture, or other instrument to evidence any indebtedness of Avista Corp. for borrowed money, which default (1) constitutes a failure to make any payment in excess of \$5,000,000 of the principal of, or interest on, such indebtedness or (2) has resulted in such indebtedness in an amount in excess of \$10,000,000 becoming or being declared due and payable prior to the date it would otherwise have become due and payable, without such payment having been made, such indebtedness having been discharged, or such acceleration having been rescinded or annulled, within a period of 90 days after written notice to Avista Corp. by the Indenture Trustee or to Avista Corp. and the Indenture Trustee by the Holders of at least 25% in principal amount of the outstanding Securities of such series as provided in the Indenture; or
- certain events in bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization of Avista Corp. (Indenture, Sec. 701)

## Remedies

### *Acceleration of Maturity*

If an Event of Default applicable to the Indenture Securities of any series occurs and is continuing, then either the Indenture Trustee or the Holders of not less than 33% in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Indenture Securities of such series may declare the principal amount (or, if any of the outstanding Indenture Securities of such series are Discount Securities, such portion of the principal amount thereof as may be specified in the terms thereof) of all of the outstanding Indenture Securities of such series to be due and payable immediately by written notice to Avista Corp. (and to the Indenture Trustee if given by the Holders); *provided, however*, that if an Event of Default occurs and is continuing with respect to more than one series of Indenture Securities, the Indenture Trustee or the Holders of not less than 33% in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Indenture Securities of all such series, considered as one class, may make such declaration of acceleration and not the Holders of any one such series.

At any time after such a declaration of acceleration with respect to the Indenture Securities of any series has been made, but before a judgment or decree for payment of the money due has been obtained, such declaration and its consequences will, without further act, be deemed to have been rescinded and annulled, if

- Avista Corp. has paid or deposited with the Indenture Trustee a sum sufficient to pay
  - all overdue interest, if any, on all Indenture Securities of such series;
  - the principal of and premium, if any, on any Indenture Securities of such series which have become due otherwise than by such declaration of acceleration and interest, if any, thereon at the rate or rates prescribed therefor in such Indenture Securities;
  - interest, if any, upon overdue interest, if any, at the rate or rates prescribed therefor in such Indenture Securities, to the extent that payment of such interest is lawful; and
  - all amounts due to the Indenture Trustee under the Indenture in respect of compensation and reimbursement of expenses; and
- all Events of Default with respect to Indenture Securities of such series, other than the non-payment of the principal of the Indenture Securities of such series which has become due solely by such declaration of acceleration, have been cured or waived as provided in the Indenture. (Indenture, Sec. 702)

#### *Right to Direct Proceedings*

If an Event of Default with respect to the Indenture Securities of any series occurs and is continuing, the Holders of a majority in principal amount of the outstanding Indenture Securities of such series will have the right to direct the time, method and place of conducting any proceedings for any remedy available to the Indenture Trustee in exercising any trust or power conferred on the Indenture Trustee; *provided, however*, that if an Event of Default occurs and is continuing with respect to more than one series of Indenture Securities, the Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Indenture Securities of all such series, considered as one class, will have the right to make such direction, and not the Holders of any one of such series; and *provided, further*, that (a) such direction does not conflict with any rule of law or with the Indenture, and could not involve the Indenture Trustee in personal liability in circumstances where indemnity would not, in the Indenture Trustee's sole discretion, be adequate and (b) the Indenture Trustee may take any other action deemed proper by the Indenture Trustee which is not inconsistent with such direction. (Indenture, Sec. 712)

#### *Limitation on Right to Institute Proceedings*

No Holder will have any right to institute any proceeding, judicial or otherwise, with respect to the Indenture or for the appointment of a receiver or for any other remedy thereunder unless:

- such Holder has previously given to the Indenture Trustee written notice of a continuing Event of Default with respect to the Indenture Securities of any one or more series;
- the Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Indenture Securities of all series in respect of which such Event of Default has occurred, considered as one class, have made written request to the Indenture Trustee to institute proceedings in respect of such Event of Default and have offered the Indenture Trustee reasonable indemnity against costs and liabilities to be incurred in complying with such request; and
- for 60 days after receipt of such notice, the Indenture Trustee has failed to institute any such proceeding and no direction inconsistent with such request has been given to the Indenture Trustee during such 60 day period by the Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of Indenture Securities then outstanding.

Furthermore, no Holder of any series of Indenture Securities will be entitled to institute any such action if and to the extent that such action would disturb or prejudice the rights of other Holders of such series. (Indenture, Sec. 707)

#### *No Impairment of Right to Receive Payment*

Notwithstanding that the right of a Holder to institute a proceeding with respect to the Indenture is subject to certain conditions precedent, each Holder will have the right, which is absolute and unconditional, to receive payment of the principal of and premium, if any, and interest, if any, on such Indenture Security when due and to institute suit for the enforcement of any such payment. Such rights may not be impaired or affected without the consent of such Holder. (Indenture, Sec. 708)

#### *Notice of Default*

The Indenture Trustee is required to give the Holders notice of any default under the Indenture to the extent required by the Trust Indenture Act, unless such default shall have been cured or waived, except that no such notice to Holders of a default of the character described in the third bulleted paragraph under “- Events of Default” may be given until at least 75 days after the occurrence thereof. For purposes of the preceding sentence, the term “default” means any event which is, or after notice or lapse of time, or both, would become, an Event of Default. The Trust Indenture Act currently permits the Indenture Trustee to withhold notices of default (except for certain payment defaults) if the Indenture Trustee in good faith determines the withholding of such notice to be in the interests of the Holders. (Indenture, Sec. 802)

#### **Consolidation, Merger, Sale of Assets and Other Transactions**

Avista Corp. may not consolidate with or merge into any other Person, or convey or otherwise transfer, or lease, all of its properties, as or substantially as an entirety, to any Person, unless:

- the Person formed by such consolidation or into which Avista Corp. is merged or the Person which acquires by conveyance or other transfer, or which leases (for a term extending beyond the last Stated Maturity of the Indenture Securities then outstanding), all of the properties of Avista Corp., as or substantially as an entirety, shall be a Person organized and existing under the laws of the United States, any State or Territory thereof or the District of Columbia or under the laws of Canada or any Province thereof; and
- such Person shall expressly assume the due and punctual payment of the principal of and premium, if any, and interest, if any, on all the Indenture Securities then outstanding and the performance and observance of every covenant and condition of the Indenture to be performed or observed by Avista Corp.

In the case of the conveyance or other transfer of all of the properties of Avista Corp., as or substantially as an entirety, to any person as contemplated above, Avista Corp. would be released and discharged from all obligations under the Indenture and on all Indenture Securities then outstanding unless Avista Corp. elects to waive such release and discharge. Upon any such consolidation or merger or any such conveyance or other transfer of properties of Avista Corp., the successor, transferee or lessee would succeed to, and be substituted for, and would be entitled to exercise every power and right of, Avista Corp. under the Indenture. (Indenture, Secs. 1001, 1002 and 1003)

For purposes of the Indenture, the conveyance, transfer or lease by Avista Corp. of all of its facilities (a) for the generation of electric energy, (b) for the transmission of electric energy, (c) for the distribution of electric energy and/or natural gas, in each case considered alone, (d) all of its facilities described in clauses (a) and (b), considered together, or (e) all of its facilities described in clauses (b) and (c), considered together, will in no event be deemed to constitute a conveyance or other transfer of all the properties of Avista Corp., as or substantially as an entirety, unless, immediately following such conveyance, transfer or lease, Avista Corp. owns no unleased properties in the other such categories of property not so conveyed or otherwise transferred or leased.

The Indenture will not prevent or restrict:

- any consolidation or merger after the consummation of which Avista Corp. would be the surviving or resulting entity or
- any conveyance or other transfer, or lease, of any part of the properties of Avista Corp. which does not constitute the entirety, or substantially the entirety, thereof. (Indenture, Sec. 1004)

If Avista Corp. conveys or otherwise transfers any part of its properties which does not constitute the entirety, or substantially the entirety, thereof to another Person meeting the requirements set forth in the first paragraph under this heading, and if:

- such transferee expressly assumes the due and punctual payment of the principal of and premium, if any, and interest, if any, on all Indenture Securities then outstanding and the performance and observance of every covenant and condition of the Indenture to be performed or observed by Avista Corp. and
- there is delivered to the Indenture Trustee an independent expert's certificate (i) describing the property so conveyed or transferred and identifying the same as facilities for the generation, transmission or distribution of electric energy or for the storage, transportation or distribution of natural gas and (ii) stating that the aggregate principal amount of the Indenture Securities then outstanding does not exceed 70% of the fair value of such property,

then Avista Corp. would be released and discharged from all obligations and covenants under the Indenture and on all Indenture Securities then outstanding unless Avista Corp. elects to waive such release and discharge. In such event, the transferee would succeed to, and be substituted for, and would be entitled to exercise every right and power of, Avista Corp. under the Indenture. (Indenture, Sec. 1005)

## **Modification of Indenture**

### *Modifications Without Consent*

Avista Corp. and the Indenture Trustee may enter into one or more supplemental indentures, without the consent of any Holders, for any of the following purposes:

- to evidence the succession of another Person to Avista Corp. and the assumption by any such successor of the covenants of Avista Corp. in the Indenture and in the Indenture Securities;
- to add one or more covenants of Avista Corp. or other provisions for the benefit of all Holders or for the benefit of the Holders of, or to remain in effect only so long as there shall be outstanding, Indenture Securities of one or more specified series, or one or more Tranches thereof, or to surrender any right or power conferred upon Avista Corp. by the Indenture;
- to change or eliminate any provisions of the Indenture or to add any new provisions to the Indenture, provided that if such change, elimination or addition adversely affects the interests of the Holders of the Indenture Securities of any series or Tranche in any material respect, such change, elimination or addition will become effective with respect to such series or Tranche only when no Indenture Security of such series or Tranche remains outstanding;
- to provide collateral security for the Indenture Securities or any series thereof;
- to establish the form or terms of the Indenture Securities of any series or Tranche as permitted by the Indenture;

- to provide for the authentication and delivery of bearer securities and coupons appertaining thereto representing interest, if any, thereon and for the procedures for the registration, exchange and replacement thereof and for the giving of notice to, and the solicitation of the vote or consent of, the Holders thereof, and for any and all other matters incidental thereto;
- to evidence and provide for the acceptance of appointment by a successor trustee with respect to the Indenture Securities of one or more series;
- to provide for the procedures required to permit the utilization of a non-certificated system of registration for all, or any series or Tranche of, the Indenture Securities; or
- to change any place or places where (a) the principal of and premium, if any, and interest, if any, on all or any series of Indenture Securities, or any Tranche thereof, will be payable, (b) all or any series of Indenture Securities, or any Tranche thereof, may be surrendered for registration of transfer, (c) all or any series of Indenture Securities, or any Tranche thereof, may be surrendered for exchange and (d) notices and demands to or upon Avista Corp. in respect of all or any series of Indenture Securities, or any Tranche thereof, and the Indenture may be served; or
- to cure any ambiguity, to correct or supplement any provision therein which may be defective or inconsistent with any other provision therein, to make any other changes to the provisions thereof or to add any other provisions with respect to matters and questions arising under the Indenture, so long as such other changes or additions do not adversely affect the interests of the Holders of any series or Tranche in any material respect.

Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, if the Trust Indenture Act is amended after the date of the Original Indenture in such a way as to require changes to the Indenture or the incorporation therein of additional provisions or so as to permit changes to, or the elimination of, provisions which, at the date of the Original Indenture or at any time thereafter, were required by the Trust Indenture Act to be contained in the Indenture, the Indenture will be deemed to have been amended so as to conform to such amendment or to effect such changes or elimination, and Avista Corp. and the Indenture Trustee may, without the consent of any Holders, enter into one or more supplemental indentures to evidence or effect such amendment. (Indenture, Sec. 1101)

#### *Modifications Requiring Consent*

Except as provided above, the consent of the Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Indenture Securities of all series then outstanding, considered as one class is required for the purpose of adding any provisions to, or changing in any manner, or eliminating any of the provisions of, the Indenture pursuant to one or more supplemental indentures; *provided, however*, that if less than all of the series of Indenture Securities outstanding are directly affected by a proposed supplemental indenture, then the consent only of the Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of outstanding Indenture Securities of all series so directly affected, considered as one class, will be required; and *provided, further*, that if the Indenture Securities of any series have been issued in more than one Tranche and if the proposed supplemental indenture directly affects the rights of the Holders of one or more, but less than all, of such Tranches, then the consent only of the Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Indenture Securities of all Tranches so directly affected, considered as one class, will be required; and *provided, further*, that no such amendment or modification may:

- change the Stated Maturity of the principal of, or any installment of principal of or interest on, any Indenture Security other than pursuant to the terms thereof, or reduce the principal amount thereof or the rate of interest thereon (or the amount of any installment of interest thereon) or change the method of calculating such rate or reduce any premium payable upon the redemption thereof, or reduce the amount of the principal of any Discount Security that would be due and payable upon a declaration of acceleration of Maturity or change the coin or currency (or other property) in which any Indenture Security or any premium or the interest thereon is payable, or impair the right to institute suit for the enforcement of any such payment on or after the Stated Maturity of any Indenture Security (or, in the case of redemption, on or after the redemption date) without, in any such case, the consent of the Holder of such Indenture Security;



- reduce the percentage in principal amount of the outstanding Indenture Securities of any series, or any Tranche thereof, the consent of the Holders of which is required for any such supplemental indenture, or the consent of the Holders of which is required for any waiver of compliance with any provision of the Indenture or of any default thereunder and its consequences;
- reduce the requirements for quorum or voting, without, in any such case, the consent of the Holder of each outstanding Indenture Security of such series or Tranche; or
- modify certain of the provisions of the Indenture relating to supplemental indentures, waivers of certain covenants and waivers of past defaults with respect to the Indenture Securities of any series, or any Tranche thereof, without the consent of the Holder of each outstanding Indenture Security of such series or Tranche.

A supplemental indenture which changes or eliminates any covenant or other provision of the Indenture which has expressly been included solely for the benefit of the Holders of, or which is to remain in effect only so long as there shall be outstanding, Indenture Securities of one or more specified series, or one or more Tranches thereof, or modifies the rights of the Holders of such series or Tranche with respect to such covenant or other provision, will be deemed not to affect the rights under the Indenture of the Holders of any other series or Tranche.

If the supplemental indenture or other document establishing any series or Tranche of Indenture Securities so provides, and as specified in the applicable prospectus supplement and/or pricing supplement, the Holders of such Indenture Securities will be deemed to have consented, by virtue of their purchase of such Indenture Securities, to a supplemental indenture containing the additions, changes or eliminations to or from the Indenture which are specified in such supplemental indenture or other document. No Act of such Holders will be required to evidence such consent and such consent may be counted in the determination of whether the Holders of the requested principal amount of Indenture Securities have consented to such supplemental indenture. (Indenture, Sec. 1102)

#### **Duties of the Indenture Trustee; Resignation; Removal**

The Indenture Trustee will have, and will be subject to, all the duties and responsibilities specified with respect to an indenture trustee under the Trust Indenture Act. Subject to such provisions, the Indenture Trustee will be under no obligation to exercise any of the powers vested in it by the Indenture at the request of any Holder, unless such Holder offers it reasonable indemnity against the costs, expenses and liabilities which might be incurred thereby. The Indenture Trustee will not be required to expend or risk its own funds or otherwise incur personal financial liability in the performance of its duties if the Indenture Trustee reasonably believes that repayment or adequate indemnity is not reasonably assured to it. (Indenture, Secs. 801 and 803)

The Indenture Trustee may resign at any time with respect to the Indenture Securities of one or more series by giving written notice thereof to Avista Corp. or may be removed at any time with respect to the Indenture Securities of one or more series by Act of the Holders of a majority in principal amount of the outstanding Indenture Securities of such series delivered to the Indenture Trustee and Avista Corp. No resignation or removal of the Indenture Trustee and no appointment of a successor trustee will become effective until the acceptance of appointment by a successor trustee in accordance with the requirements of the Indenture. So long as no Event of Default or event which, after notice or lapse of time, or both, would become an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, if Avista Corp. has delivered to the Indenture Trustee with respect to one or more series a resolution of its Board of Directors appointing a successor trustee with respect to that or those series and such successor has accepted such appointment in accordance with the terms of the Indenture, the Indenture Trustee with respect to that or those series will be deemed to have resigned and the successor will be deemed to have been appointed as trustee in accordance with the Indenture. (Indenture, Sec. 810)

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**Evidence of Compliance**

Compliance with the Indenture provisions is evidenced by written statements of Avista Corp. officers or persons selected or paid by Avista Corp. In certain cases, Avista Corp. must furnish opinions of counsel and certifications of an engineer, appraiser or other expert (who in some cases must be independent). In addition, the Indenture requires that Avista Corp. give the Indenture Trustee, not less than annually, a brief statement as to Avista Corp.'s compliance with the conditions and covenants under the Indenture.

**Governing Law**

The Indenture and the Indenture Securities will be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New York, except to the extent that the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended, shall be applicable.

## WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

We are subject to the informational reporting requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Avista Corp. files annual, quarterly and special reports, proxy statements and other documents with the SEC (File No. 1-3701). These documents contain important business and financial information. You may read and copy any materials Avista Corp. files with the SEC at the SEC's public reference room at 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549. Please call the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330 for further information on the public reference room. Avista Corp.'s SEC filings are also available to the public from the SEC's website at <http://www.sec.gov>. However, information on this website does not constitute a part of this prospectus.

### Incorporation of Documents by Reference

The SEC allows us to incorporate by reference the information that we file with the SEC. This allows us to disclose important information to you by referring you to those documents rather than repeating them in full in this prospectus. We are incorporating into this prospectus by reference:

- Avista Corp.'s most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC pursuant to the Exchange Act and
- all other documents filed by Avista Corp. with the SEC pursuant to Section 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act subsequent to the filing of Avista Corp.'s most recent Annual Report and prior to the termination of the offering made by this prospectus,

and all of those documents are deemed to be a part of this prospectus from the date of filing such documents. We refer to the documents incorporated into this prospectus by reference as the "Incorporated Documents". Any statement contained in an Incorporated Document may be modified or superseded by a statement in this prospectus (if such Incorporated Document was filed prior to the date of this prospectus) in any prospectus supplement or in any subsequently filed Incorporated Document. The Incorporated Documents as of the date of this prospectus are:

- Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2002;
- Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the quarters ended March 31 and June 30, 2003; and
- Current Reports on Form 8-K, filed on April 11, June 27, July 22 and July 30 (excluding the information furnished in Item 12 thereof, which is not deemed filed and which is not incorporated by reference herein), 2003.

You may request any of these filings, at no cost, by contacting us at the address or telephone number provided on page 2 of this prospectus. Avista Corp. maintains an Internet site at <http://www.avistacorp.com> which contains information concerning Avista Corp. and its affiliates. The information contained at Avista Corp.'s Internet site is not incorporated in this prospectus by reference and you should not consider it a part of this prospectus.

### PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

Avista Corp. may sell the Debt Securities in any of four ways: (a) directly to a limited number of institutional purchasers or to a single purchaser, (b) through agents, (c) through underwriters or (d) through dealers. The applicable prospectus supplement relating to each series of Debt Securities will set forth the terms of the offering of such Debt Securities, including the name or names of any such agents, underwriters or dealers, the purchase price of such Debt Securities and the net proceeds to Avista Corp. from such sale, any underwriting discounts and other items constituting underwriters' compensation, the initial public offering price and any discounts or concessions allowed or reallowed or paid to dealers. Any initial public offering price and any discounts or concessions allowed or reallowed or paid to dealers may be changed from time to time.

If Avista Corp. uses underwriters to sell Debt Securities, the underwriters will acquire such Debt Securities for their own account and may resell them in one or more transactions, including negotiated transactions, at a fixed public offering price or at varying prices determined at the time of sale. Unless otherwise set forth in the prospectus supplement relating to a series of Debt Securities, the obligations of any underwriter or underwriters to purchase such Debt Securities will be subject to certain conditions precedent, and such underwriter or underwriters will be obligated to purchase all of such Debt Securities if any are purchased, except that, in certain cases involving a default by one or more underwriters, less than all of such Debt Securities may be purchased.

If an agent of Avista Corp. is used in any sale of a series of Debt Securities, any commissions payable by Avista Corp. to such agent will be set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement relating to such Debt Securities. Unless otherwise indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement, any such agent will be acting on a best efforts basis for the period of its appointment.

Any underwriters, dealers or agents participating in the distribution of the Debt Securities may be deemed to be underwriters, and any discounts or commissions received by them on the sale or resale of Debt Securities may be deemed to be underwriting discounts and commissions, under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"). Agents, underwriters and dealers may be entitled under agreements entered into with Avista Corp. to indemnification by Avista Corp. against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act.

Subject to market conditions, Avista Corp. may offer up to \$50 million of Bonds in an underwritten transaction or transactions in the third or fourth quarter of 2003 for the purpose of refunding higher-cost debt. In such event, the underwriters would be identified, and the principal terms of the underwriting arrangement, including underwriter's compensation would be described, in the applicable prospectus supplement.

The agents, underwriters and dealers and/or certain of their affiliates may engage in transactions with and perform services for Avista Corp. and certain of its affiliates in the ordinary course of business.

#### **LEGAL MATTERS**

The validity of the Debt Securities and certain other matters of New York law and matters of federal securities law will be passed upon for Avista Corp. by Dewey Ballantine LLP, counsel to Avista Corp. The authorization of the Debt Securities by Avista Corp. and certain other matters of Washington law, as well as the authorization of the Debt Securities by the public utility regulatory commissions under Washington, Idaho, Montana, Oregon and California law, will be passed upon for Avista Corp. by Heller Ehrman White & McAuliffe LLP, counsel for Avista Corp. The validity of the Debt Securities will be passed upon for any underwriters or agents by Sullivan & Cromwell LLP. In giving their opinions Dewey Ballantine LLP and Sullivan & Cromwell LLP may assume the conclusions of Washington, California, Idaho, Montana and Oregon law set forth in the opinion of Heller Ehrman White & McAuliffe LLP.

#### **EXPERTS**

The financial statements and the related financial statement schedules incorporated in this Prospectus by reference from Avista Corp.'s most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K have been audited by Deloitte & Touche LLP, independent auditors, as stated in their report, which is incorporated herein by reference, and have been so incorporated in reliance upon the report of such firm given upon their authority as experts in accounting and auditing.

**Item 16. Exhibits.**

Reference is made to the Exhibit Index on p. II- 3 hereof.



**EXHIBIT INDEX**

<u>Exhibit</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	Form of Underwriting Agreement for offering of debt securities.
4(a)	Mortgage and Deed of Trust dated as of June 1, 1939, by and among Avista Corporation and Citibank, N.A., as Trustee (filed with registration number 2-4077 B-3).
4(a)(1)	First Supplemental Indenture to the Mortgage, dated as of October 1, 1952 (filed with registration number 2-9812 4(c)).
4(a)(2)	Second Supplemental Indenture to the Mortgage, dated as of May 1, 1953 (filed with registration number 2-60728 2(b)-2).
4(a)(3)	Third Supplemental Indenture to the Mortgage, dated as of December 1, 1955 (filed with registration number 2-13421 4(b)-3).
4(a)(4)	Fourth Supplemental Indenture to the Mortgage, dated as of March 15, 1957 (filed with registration number 2-13421 4(b)-4).
4(a)(5)	Fifth Supplemental Indenture to the Mortgage, dated as of July 1, 1957 (filed with registration number 2-60728 2(b)-5).
4(a)(6)	Sixth Supplemental Indenture to the Mortgage, dated as of January 1, 1958 (filed with registration number 2-60728 2(b)-6).
4(a)(7)	Seventh Supplemental Indenture to the Mortgage, dated as of August 1, 1958 (filed with registration number 2-60728 2(b)-7).
4(a)(8)	Eighth Supplemental Indenture to the Mortgage, dated as of January 1, 1959 (filed with registration number 2-60728 2(b)-8).
4(a)(9)	Ninth Supplemental Indenture to the Mortgage, dated as of January 1, 1960 (filed with registration number 2-60728 2(b)-9).
4(a)(10)	Tenth Supplemental Indenture to the Mortgage, dated as of April 1, 1964 (filed with registration number 2-60728 2(b)-10).
4(a)(11)	Eleventh Supplemental Indenture to the Mortgage, dated as of March 1, 1965 (filed with registration number 2-60728 2(b)-11).
4(a)(12)	Twelfth Supplemental Indenture to the Mortgage, dated as of May 1, 1966 (filed with registration number 2-60728 2(b)-12).
4(a)(13)	Thirteenth Supplemental Indenture to the Mortgage, dated as of August 1, 1966 (filed with registration number 2-60728 2(b)-13).

- 4(a)(14) Fourteenth Supplemental Indenture to the Mortgage, dated as of April 1, 1970 (filed with registration number 2-60728 2(b)-14).
- 4(a)(15) Fifteenth Supplemental Indenture to the Mortgage, dated as of May 1, 1973 (filed with registration number 2-60728 2(b)-15).
- 4(a)(16) Sixteenth Supplemental Indenture to the Mortgage, dated as of February 1, 1975 (filed with registration number 2-60728 2(b)-16).
- 4(a)(17) Seventeenth Supplemental Indenture to the Mortgage, dated as of November 1, 1976 (filed with registration number 2-60728 2(b)-17).
- 4(a)(18) Eighteenth Supplemental Indenture to the Mortgage, dated as of June 1, 1980 (filed with registration number 2-69080 2(b)-18).
- 4(a)(19) Nineteenth Supplemental Indenture to the Mortgage, dated as of January 1, 1981 (filed with registration number 1-3701 (1980 Form 10-K) 4(a)-20).
- 4(a)(20) Twentieth Supplemental Indenture to the Mortgage, dated as of August 1, 1982 (filed with registration number 2-79571 4(a)-21).
- 4(a)(21) Twenty-first Supplemental Indenture to the Mortgage, dated as of September 1, 1983 (filed with registration number 1-3701 (Form 8-K dated September 20, 1983) 4(a)-22).
- 4(a)(22) Twenty-second Supplemental Indenture to the Mortgage, dated as of March 1, 1984 (filed with registration number 2-94816 4(a)-23).
- 4(a)(23) Twenty-third Supplemental Indenture to the Mortgage, dated as of December 1, 1986 (filed with registration number 1-3701 (1986 Form 10-K) 4(a)-24).
- 4(a)(24) Twenty-fourth Supplemental Indenture to the Mortgage, dated as of January 1, 1988 (filed with registration number 1-3701 (1987 Form 10-K) 4(a)-25).
- 4(a)(25) Twenty-fifth Supplemental Indenture to the Mortgage, dated as of October 1, 1989 (filed with registration number 1-3701 (1989 Form 10-K) 4(a)-26).
- 4(a)(26) Twenty-sixth Supplemental Indenture to the Mortgage, dated as of April 1, 1993 (filed with registration number 33-51669 4(a)-27).
- 4(a)(27) Twenty-seventh Supplemental Indenture to the Mortgage, dated as of January 1, 1994 (filed with registration number 1-3701 (1993 Form 10-K) 4(a)-28).



- 4(a)(28) Twenty-eighth Supplemental Indenture to the Mortgage, dated as of September 1, 2001 (filed with registration number 1-3701 (2001 Form 10-K) 4(a)-29).
- 4(a)(29) Twenty-ninth Supplemental Indenture to the Mortgage, dated as of December 1, 2001 (filed with registration number 333-82502 4(b)).
- 4(a)(30) Thirtieth Supplemental Indenture to the Mortgage, dated as of May 1, 2002 (filed with registration number 1-3701 (June 30, 2002 Form 10-Q) 4(f)).
- 4(b)\*\* Thirty-first Supplemental Indenture to the Mortgage.
- 4(c)\*\* Form of Supplemental Indenture to the Mortgage.
- 4(d) Indenture, dated as of April 1, 1998, between Avista Corporation, JPMorgan Chase Bank (formerly known as The Chase Manhattan Bank), as Trustee (filed with Registration number 333-82165).
- 4(e)\*\* Form of Officer's Certificate to be used in connection with an underwritten public offering of Debt Securities.
- 5(a)\*\* Opinion and Consent of Heller Ehrman White & McAuliffe LLP.
- 5(b)\*\* Opinion and Consent of Dewey Ballantine LLP.
- 23(a)\*\* Consent of Heller Ehrman White & McAuliffe LLP (contained in Exhibit 5(a)).
- 23(b)\*\* Consent of Dewey Ballantine LLP (contained in Exhibit 5(b)).
- 23(c) Consent of Deloitte & Touche LLP.
- 24\*\* Power of Attorney.
- 25(a) Statement of Eligibility under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended, of JPMorgan Chase Bank, as Trustee under the Indenture.
- 25(b) Statement of Eligibility under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended, of Citibank, N.A., as Trustee under the Mortgage and Deed of Trust.

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\*\* Previously filed with the original Registration Statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on June 25, 2003.

**AVISTA CORPORATION**  
**First Mortgage Bonds, \_\_% Series due \_\_\_\_\_**

**Underwriting Agreement**

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[Names of representative[s]]

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As Representative[s] of the several Underwriters  
named in Schedule I hereto,

[Address]

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Avista Corporation, a Washington corporation (the "Company"), proposes, subject to the terms and conditions stated herein, to issue and sell to the Underwriters named in Schedule I hereto (collectively, the "Underwriters") for whom you are acting as representative[s] (in such capacity you shall hereinafter be referred to as the "Representative[s]") an aggregate of \$\_\_\_\_\_ principal amount of the First Mortgage Bonds, \_\_\_\_% Series due \_\_\_\_ (the "Securities"), as set forth in Schedule I hereto. The Securities are to be issued as an additional series of bonds under the Mortgage and Deed of Trust, dated as of June 1, 1939, between the Company and Citibank, N.A., as trustee (the "Trustee"), as amended and supplemented by various supplemental indentures including the \_\_\_\_\_ Supplemental Indenture, dated as of \_\_\_\_\_ 1, 2003. Such Mortgage and Deed of Trust, as so amended and supplemented, and such \_\_\_\_\_ Supplemental Indenture are hereinafter called, respectively, the "Mortgage" and the "Supplemental Indenture".

1. The Company represents and warrants to, and agrees with, each of the Underwriters that:

(a) (i) A registration statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-106491) in respect of the Securities and certain other securities has been prepared and filed in accordance with the provisions of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Act"), with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission"); such registration statement has been declared effective by the Commission. Such registration statement, in the form in which it became effective and (including the exhibits thereto, but excluding the Statements of Eligibility in Form T-1) is hereinafter called the "Registration Statement"; and the prospectus relating to the Securities, in the form in which it was included in the Registration Statement at the time it became effective, as supplemented by the prospectus supplement containing the terms of the Securities and the terms of the offering thereof, in the form in which it is filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) under the Act, is hereinafter called the "Prospectus", and no stop order suspending the effectiveness of such registration statement has been issued and no proceeding for that purpose has been initiated or, to the best knowledge of the Company, threatened by the Commission and no order preventing or suspending the use of any preliminary prospectus or the Prospectus has been issued by the Commission;

(ii) Pursuant to Rule 429 under the Act, the Prospectus will be used as a combined prospectus relating to the Registration Statement and to the registration statement filed by the Company with the Commission on November 5, 1997 (registration no. 333-39551) which, as subsequently amended, became effective on April 22, 1997. Unless the context otherwise requires, all references in this Agreement to the Registration Statement shall be deemed to include such prior registration statement;

(iii) Any reference herein to the Registration Statement or the Prospectus shall be deemed to refer to and include the documents incorporated by reference therein pursuant to Item 12 of Form S-3 under the Act, as of the effective date or the date thereof, as the case may be; any reference to any amendment to the Registration Statement shall be deemed to refer to and include any annual report of the Company filed pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act after the effective date of the Registration Statement that is incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement; and any reference to any amendment or supplement to the Prospectus shall be deemed to refer to and include any documents filed after the date of such Prospectus, under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), and incorporated by reference in such Prospectus.

(b) The Registration Statement, when it became effective, conformed, and any further amendments thereto, when they become effective, will conform, in all material respects to the requirements of the Act and the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended (the "Trust Indenture Act"), and the Prospectus and any amendments or supplements thereto, when filed with the Commission, will conform in all material respects to the requirements of the Act and the Trust Indenture Act;

(c) The Registration Statement, when it became effective, and any further amendments thereto when they become effective, did not and will not contain an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading; and the Prospectus and any amendments and supplements thereto, when they are filed or transmitted for filing with the Commission and at the Time of Delivery, will not include an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; provided, however, that the representations and warranties contained in this subsection (c) shall not apply to statements or omissions made in reliance upon and in conformity with information furnished in writing by an Underwriter through the Representative[s] expressly for use in the Registration Statement, the Prospectus or any amendment or supplement to either thereof;

(d) The documents incorporated by reference in the Prospectus, when they were filed with the Commission, and any further documents so filed and incorporated by reference, when they are filed with the Commission or become effective, as the case may be, (i) conformed and will conform in all material respects to the requirements of the Exchange Act or the Act, as the case may be, and the rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder and (ii) did not and will not include an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading;

(e) Except as set forth in or contemplated by the Prospectus, (i) since the respective dates as of which information is given in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus, there has not been (A) any material adverse change in or affecting the business, financial condition, shareholders' equity or results of operations of the Company and its subsidiaries, considered as a whole, or any development reasonably expected to result in such a material adverse change (in each case, a "Material Adverse Change"), (B) any transaction entered into by the Company or any subsidiary thereof which is material to the Company and its subsidiaries as a whole other than transactions in the ordinary course of business, and (C) any change in the capital stock or long-term debt of the Company or any of its subsidiaries (except for shares of common stock issued under the Company's Dividend-Reinvestment and Stock Purchase Plan and employee stock plans and except for scheduled maturities of long-term debt) and (ii) neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries has any contingent obligation which is material to the Company and its subsidiaries as a whole;

(f) The Company has been duly incorporated and is validly existing in good standing under the laws of the State of Washington, is duly qualified to do business and in good standing as a foreign corporation under the laws of the States of California, Idaho, Montana and Oregon, and has corporate and other power and authority and has all material required approvals and authorizations to own, lease and operate its properties, and to transact an electric and/or gas public utility business in such jurisdictions;

(g) Each of Avista Capital, Avista Energy, Inc. and Avista Advantage, Inc. is duly incorporated and validly existing in good standing under the laws of the State of Washington;

(h) The Securities have been duly and validly authorized and, when issued and delivered against payment therefor pursuant to this Agreement, and duly authenticated by the Trustee pursuant to the Mortgage (as defined below), will have been duly executed, authenticated, issued and delivered and will constitute valid and legally binding obligations of the Company enforceable in accordance with their terms, except to the extent that enforcement thereof may be limited by any applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, fraudulent conveyance, reorganization, moratorium or other laws affecting creditors' rights generally, by general principles of equity (whether asserted in an action in equity or at law) and by rules of law governing specific performance, injunction relief, foreclosure, receivership and other equitable remedies, and are entitled to the benefits provided by the Mortgage; the Securities will be substantially in the form previously delivered to the Representative[s]; and the Securities will conform in all material respects to the description thereof contained in the Prospectus;

(i) The Company has an authorized capitalization as set forth in the Prospectus, and all of the issued shares of capital stock of the Company have been duly and validly authorized and issued, are fully paid and non-assessable;

(j) The Mortgage has been duly authorized and the Mortgage (excluding the Supplemental Indenture) has been duly executed and delivered; when the Supplemental Indenture is duly executed, delivered and appropriately recorded, the Mortgage will constitute a valid and legally binding instrument, enforceable in accordance with its terms, except to the extent that enforcement thereof may be limited by any applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, fraudulent conveyance, reorganization, moratorium or other laws affecting creditors' rights generally, by general principles of equity (whether asserted in an action in equity or at law) and by rules of law governing specific performance, injunction relief, foreclosure, receivership and other equitable remedies; and except, further, to the extent that the law of the jurisdictions in which the mortgaged property is located may limit or deny certain remedial provisions of the Mortgage; the Mortgage has been duly qualified under the Trust Indenture Act; and the Mortgage will conform in all material respect to the description thereof contained in the Prospectus;

(k) The Company has good and marketable title in fee simple to all of its real estate and fixed properties and good title to all of its other property, subject only (i) to the lien of the Mortgage, (ii) to leases of minor portions of the Company's property to others for uses which do not interfere with the Company's business; (iii) to leases of certain property of the Company not used in its utility business, (iv) to Excepted Encumbrances (as defined in the Mortgage) and (v) to encumbrances, defects and irregularities customarily found in properties of like size and character, which, in the Company's opinion, do not materially impair the use of the property affected thereby in the operation of the business of the Company; upon the due execution, delivery and appropriate recording of the Supplemental Indenture, the Mortgage will constitute, subject only to the exceptions enumerated immediately above, a valid first mortgage lien for the security of the Securities and all other bonds issued and presently outstanding thereunder on such properties, which include substantially all of the physical properties and franchises of the Company other than those expressly excepted;

(l) The description in the Mortgage of the properties intended to be subject to the Mortgage is adequate to constitute a lien thereon; and the Mortgage (excluding the Supplemental Indenture) has been duly and properly recorded in the proper offices of the respective counties in which the real estate and other physical properties of the Company are located, and the Supplemental Indenture will be so recorded forthwith, and no other recording or filing of the Mortgage is or will be necessary to maintain or perfect of record the lien thereof;

(m) The issue and sale of the Securities and the compliance by the Company with all of the provisions of the Securities, the Mortgage and this Agreement and the consummation by the Company of the transactions herein and therein contemplated will not (i) violate the Company's Restated Articles of Incorporation, as amended, or By-laws or (ii) result in a breach or violation of any of the terms or provisions of, or constitute a default under, (A) any statute or, to the knowledge of the Company, any order, rule or regulation of any court or any federal or state regulatory authority or other governmental agency or body having jurisdiction over the Company or any of its subsidiaries or any of their properties, or (B) any indenture, mortgage, deed of trust, loan agreement or other agreement or instrument to which the Company or any of its subsidiaries is a party or by which the Company or any of its subsidiaries is bound or to which any of the property or assets of the Company or any of its subsidiaries is subject, which breach, violation or default referred to in this clause (ii) would individually, or in the aggregate, have, or would be reasonably expected to have, a material adverse effect on the business, financial condition, shareholders' equity or results of operations of the Company and its subsidiaries considered as a whole (in each case, a "Material Adverse Effect"); and no consent, approval, authorization, order, registration or qualification of or with any such court or governmental agency or body is required for the issue and sale of the Securities or the consummation by the Company of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement or the Mortgage, except the registration under the Act of the Securities and such consents, approvals, authorizations, registrations or qualifications as may be required under state securities or Blue Sky laws in connection with the purchase and distribution of the Securities by the Underwriters, and such consents, approvals, authorizations, filings or registrations as may be required by the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (the "WUTC"), the California Public Utilities Commission (the "CPUC"), the Idaho Public Utilities Commission (the "IPUC"), the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana (the "MPSC") and the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (the "OPUC"), in each case in the manner contemplated hereby;

(n) None of the Company, Avista Energy, Inc. and Avista Advantage, Inc. is currently in violation of its Restated Articles of Incorporation or By-laws, or in default in the performance or observance of any material obligation, agreement, covenant or condition contained in any material indenture, mortgage, deed of trust, loan agreement, lease or other agreement or instrument to which it is a party or by which it or any of its properties may be bound, except for the performance or observance of any such obligation, agreement, covenant or condition that either (i) has been waived in accordance with the applicable agreement or (ii) would not result in a Material Adverse Effect;

(o) Other than as set forth in the Prospectus, neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries (i) is in violation of any statute, or any rule, regulation, decision or order of any governmental agency or body or any court relating to the use, disposal or release of hazardous or toxic substances or relating to the protection or restoration of the environmental or human exposure to hazardous or toxic substances (collectively, “environmental laws”), (ii) does not own or operate any real property which to its knowledge is contaminated with any substance that is subject to any environmental laws, (iii) is not to its knowledge liable for any off-site disposal or contamination pursuant to any environmental laws, and (iv) is not subject to any claim relating to any environmental laws and the Company is not aware of any pending investigation which could reasonably be expected to lead to such a claim, which, in the case of (i), (ii), (iii), or (iv), would reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect;

(p) The statements set forth in the Prospectus under the caption “Description of the Bonds”, insofar as they purport to constitute a summary of the terms of the Securities, and under the caption “Underwriting”, insofar as they purport to describe the provisions of the laws and documents referred to therein, are accurate and fairly present the information purported to be given;

(q) Other than as set forth in the Prospectus, there are no legal or governmental proceedings pending to which the Company or any of its subsidiaries is a party or of which any property of the Company or any of its subsidiaries is the subject, which, if determined adversely to the Company or any of its subsidiaries, would individually or in the aggregate have a Material Adverse Effect; and, to the best of the Company’s knowledge, no such proceedings are threatened or contemplated by governmental authorities or threatened by others;

(r) The Company is not, and, after giving effect to the offering and sale of the Securities, will not be an “investment company”, as such term is defined in the United States Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the “Investment Company Act”);

(s) The Company is subject to the reporting requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act; and

(t) Deloitte & Touche LLP, who have certified certain financial statements of the Company and its subsidiaries, are independent public accountants as required by the Act and the rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder.

2. Subject to the terms and conditions herein set forth, (a) the Company agrees to issue and sell to each of the Underwriters, severally and not jointly, and each of the Underwriters agrees, severally and not jointly, to purchase from the Company, at a purchase price of \_\_\_\_% of the principal amount thereof, plus accrued interest, if any, from \_\_\_\_\_ to the Time of Delivery hereunder, the principal amount of the securities set forth opposite the name of such Underwriter in Schedule I hereto.

3. Upon the authorization by the Representative[s] of the release of the Securities, the several Underwriters propose to offer the Securities for sale upon the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement and the Prospectus.

4. (a) The Securities to be purchased by each Underwriter hereunder will be represented by one or more definitive global Securities in book-entry form to be deposited with The Depository Trust Company ("DTC") or its designated custodian. The Company will deliver the global Securities to DTC or such custodian to be credited to the account of the Representative[s], for the account of each Underwriter, against payment by or on behalf of such Underwriter of the purchase price therefore by wire transfer of Federal (same day) funds. The Company will cause the certificates representing the Securities to be made available to the Representative[s] for checking at least twenty-four hours prior to the Time of Delivery (as defined below) at the office of DTC or its designated custodian (the "Designated Office"). The time and date of such delivery and payment shall be 10:00 a.m., New York City time, on \_\_\_\_\_, 2003 or such other time and date as the Representative[s] and the Company may agree upon in writing. Such time and date are herein called the "Time of Delivery";

(b) The documents to be delivered at the Time of Delivery by or on behalf of the parties hereto pursuant to Section 7 hereof, including the cross receipt for the Securities and any additional documents requested by the Underwriters pursuant to Section 7(k) hereof, will be delivered at the offices of Dewey Ballantine LLP, 1301 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York 10019 (the "Closing Location"), and the Securities will be delivered at the Designated Office, all at the Time of Delivery.

5. The Company agrees with each of the Underwriters:

(a) To prepare the Prospectus in a form approved by the Representative[s] and to file such Prospectus pursuant to Rule 424(b) under the Act not later than the Commission's close of business on the second business day following the execution and delivery of this Agreement; to make no further amendment or any supplement to the Registration Statement or Prospectus prior to the last Time of Delivery which shall be reasonably disapproved by the Representative[s] promptly after reasonable notice thereof; to advise the Representative[s], promptly after it receives notice thereof, of the time when any amendment to the Registration Statement has been filed or becomes effective or any supplement to the Prospectus or any amended Prospectus has been filed and to furnish the Representative[s] with copies thereof; to file promptly all reports and any definitive proxy or information statements required to be filed by the Company with the Commission pursuant to Section 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act subsequent to the date of the Prospectus and for so long as the delivery of a prospectus is required in connection with the offering or sale of the Securities; to advise the Representative[s], promptly after it receives notice thereof, of the issuance by the Commission of any stop order or of any order preventing or suspending the use of any prospectus, of the suspension of the qualification of the Securities for offering or sale in any jurisdiction, of the initiation or threatening of any proceeding for any such purpose, or of any request by the Commission for the amending or supplementing of the Registration Statement or the Prospectus or for additional information; and, in the event of the issuance of any stop order or of any order preventing or suspending the use of any prospectus or suspending any such qualification, promptly to use its best efforts to obtain the withdrawal of such order;



(b) Promptly from time to time to take such action as the Representative[s] may reasonably request to qualify the Securities for offering and sale under the securities laws of such jurisdictions as the Representative[s] may request and to comply with such laws so as to permit the continuance of sales and dealings therein in such jurisdictions for as long as may be necessary to complete the distribution of the Securities, provided that in connection therewith the Company shall not be required to qualify as a foreign corporation or to file a general consent to service of process in any jurisdiction;

(c) Prior to 10:00 a.m., New York City time, on the New York business day succeeding the date of this Agreement, or as soon thereafter as may be reasonably practicable, to furnish the Underwriters with written and electronic copies of the Prospectus in such quantities as the Representative[s] may from time to time reasonably request, and, if the delivery of a prospectus is required at any time prior to the expiration of nine months after the time of issue of the Prospectus in connection with the offering or sale of the Securities and if at such time any event shall have occurred as a result of which the Prospectus as then amended or supplemented would include an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made when such Prospectus is delivered, not misleading, or, if for any other reason it shall be necessary during such period to amend or supplement the Prospectus or to file under the Exchange Act any document incorporated by reference in the Prospectus in order to comply with the Act, the Exchange Act or the Trust Indenture Act, to notify the Representative[s] and upon their reasonable request to file such document and to prepare and furnish without charge to each Underwriter and to any dealer in securities as many written and electronic copies as the Representative[s] may from time to time reasonably request of an amended Prospectus or a supplement to the Prospectus which will correct such statement or omission or effect such compliance, and in case any Underwriter is required to deliver a prospectus in connection with sales of any of the Securities at any time nine months or more after the time of issue of the Prospectus, upon their request but at the expense of such Underwriter, to prepare and deliver to such Underwriter as many written and electronic copies as such Underwriter may request of an amended or supplemented Prospectus complying with Section 10(a)(3) of the Act;

(d) To make generally available to its securityholders as soon as practicable, but in any event not later than eighteen months after the effective date of the Registration Statement (as defined in Rule 158(c) under the Act), an earnings statement of the Company and its subsidiaries (which need not be audited) covering a period of at least 12 months beginning after the later of (i) the effective date of the most recent post-effective amendment to the Registration Statement to become effective prior to the date of this Agreement and (ii) the date of the Company's most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the Commission prior to the date of this Agreement, which will satisfy the provisions of Section 11(a) of the Act and the rules and regulations thereunder including Rule 158;

(e) During the period beginning from the date hereof and continuing to and including the later of (i) the completion of the distribution of the Securities, as shall be promptly notified to the Company by the Representative[s] upon such completion, but in no event shall such period exceed 90 days from the Time of Delivery, and (ii) the Time of Delivery, not to offer, sell, contract to sell or otherwise dispose of, except as provided hereunder, any debt securities of the Company that are substantially similar to the Securities, without the prior written consent of the Representative[s] (it being understood that this paragraph shall not prohibit the issuance of commercial paper or other debt securities with scheduled maturities of less than one year, debt securities issued in connection with any credit facility, or debt securities issued as collateral for other obligations);

(f) To use the net proceeds received by it from the sale of the Securities pursuant to this Agreement in the manner specified in the Prospectus under the caption "Use of Proceeds";

(g) To obtain title insurance as of the Time of Delivery on terms reasonably acceptable to the Representative[s] and in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations, naming the Trustee (on behalf of the holders of all securities issued and outstanding under the Mortgage) as the insured (without any co-insurance exception), and in an amount not less than \$\_\_\_\_\_ covering all real estate and improvements affixed thereto that are subject to the lien created by the Mortgage.

6. The Company hereby covenants and agrees with the several Underwriters that the Company will pay or cause to be paid the following: (i) the fees, disbursements and expenses of the Company's counsel and accountants in connection with the registration of the Securities under the Act and all other expenses in connection with the preparation, printing and filing of the Registration Statement, any preliminary prospectus and the Prospectus and amendments and supplements thereto and the mailing and delivering of copies thereof to the Underwriters and dealers; (ii) the cost of printing or producing any agreement among Underwriters, this Agreement, any supplemental indenture under the Mortgage, the Blue Sky Memorandum, closing documents (including any compilations thereof) and any other documents in connection with the offering, purchase, sale and delivery of the Securities; (iii) any expenses in connection with the

qualification of the Securities for offering and sale under state securities laws as provided in Section 5(b) hereof, including the fees and disbursements of counsel for the Underwriters in connection with such qualification and in connection with the Blue Sky survey, if any; (iv) any fees charged by securities rating services for rating the Securities; (v) any filing fees incident to, and the fees and disbursements of counsel for the Underwriters in connection with any required review by the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. of the terms of the sale of the Securities; (vi) the cost of preparing the Securities; (vii) the fees and expenses of the Trustee and any agent of the Trustee and the fees and disbursements of counsel for the Trustee in connection with any supplemental indenture under the Mortgage and the Securities; and (viii) all other costs and expenses incident to the performance of its obligations hereunder which are not otherwise specifically provided for in this Section. It is understood, however, that, except as provided in this Section, and Sections 8 and 11 hereof, the Underwriters will pay all of their own costs and expenses, including the fees of their counsel, transfer taxes on resale of any of the Securities by them, and any advertising expenses connected with any offers they may make.

7. The obligations of the Underwriters hereunder shall be subject, in the discretion of the Representative[s], to the condition that all representations and warranties and other statements of the Company herein are, at and as of the Time of Delivery, true and correct, the condition that the Company shall have performed all of its obligations hereunder theretofore to be performed, and the following additional conditions:

(a) The Prospectus shall have been filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) under the Act within the applicable time period prescribed for such filing by the rules and regulations under the Act and in accordance with Section 5(a) hereof; no stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement or any part thereof shall have been issued and no proceeding for that purpose shall have been initiated or threatened by the Commission; and all requests for additional information on the part of the Commission shall have been complied with to the reasonable satisfaction of the Representative[s];

(b) There shall have been issued and there shall be in full force and effect, (i) appropriate orders of the WUTC, the IPUC and the OPUC permitting the issuance and sale of the Securities on the terms herein set forth or contemplated, and containing no provision reasonably unacceptable to the Representatives, it being understood that no such order in effect on the date of this Agreement contains any such unacceptable provision, and (ii) appropriate exemptive orders of the MPSC and the CPUC;

(c) Sullivan & Cromwell LLP, counsel for the Underwriters, shall have furnished to the Representative[s] such written opinion or opinions, dated the Time of Delivery, with respect to the incorporation of the Company, the Mortgage, the Securities, the Registration Statement and the Prospectus, as well as such other related matters as the Representative[s] may reasonably request, and such counsel shall have received such papers and information as they may reasonably request to enable them to pass upon such matters. In rendering such opinion or opinions, Sullivan & Cromwell LLP may rely, as to the incorporation of the Company and as to all other matters governed by Washington, California, Idaho, Montana or Oregon law, upon the opinion of Heller Ehrman White & McAuliffe LLP referred to below;

(d) David J. Meyer, Senior Vice President and General Counsel for the Company, shall have furnished to the Representative[s] his written opinion or opinions, dated the Time of Delivery, stating, in customary fashion, his belief as to the absence of material misstatements and omissions in the Registration Statement, as of its effective date, and the Prospectus, as of its date and as of the Time of Delivery;

(e) At the Time of Delivery, Heller Ehrman White & McAuliffe LLP and Dewey Ballantine LLP shall have furnished to the Representative[s] opinions, each dated as of the Time of Delivery, to the effect set forth in **Exhibit A** hereto;

(f) At the Time of Delivery, Deloitte & Touche LLP shall have furnished to the Representative[s] a letter or letters, dated the respective dates of delivery thereof, in form and substance satisfactory to the Representative[s];

(g) Except as set forth in or contemplated by the Prospectus, (i) since the respective dates as of which information is given in the Prospectus there shall not have been (A) any Material Adverse Change, (B) any transaction entered into by the Company or any subsidiary thereof which is material to the Company and its subsidiaries as a whole other than transactions in the ordinary course of business, or (C) any change in the capital stock or long-term debt of the Company or any of its subsidiaries (except for shares of common stock issued under the Company's Dividend-Reinvestment and Stock Purchase Plan and employee stock plans and except for scheduled maturities of long-term debt) and (ii) neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries shall have any contingent obligation which is material to the Company and its subsidiaries as a whole, the effect of which, in the case of any such event specified in clauses (i) or (ii) above, is in the reasonable judgment of the Representative[s] so material and adverse as to make it impracticable or inadvisable to proceed with the public offering or delivery of the Securities on the terms and in the manner contemplated in this Agreement or in the Prospectus;

(h) On or after the date hereof (i) no downgrading shall have occurred in the rating accorded the Company's debt securities by any "nationally recognized statistical rating organization", as such term is defined by the Commission for purposes of Rule 436(g)(2) under the Act, and (ii) no such organization shall have publicly announced that it has under surveillance or review, with possible negative implications, its rating of any of the Company's debt securities or preferred stock;

(i) On or after the date hereof there shall not have occurred any of the following: (i) a suspension or material limitation in trading in securities generally on the New York Stock Exchange or on the Pacific Stock Exchange; (ii) a suspension or material limitation in trading in the Company's securities on any securities exchange or in any over-the-counter market; (iii) a general moratorium on commercial banking activities in New York declared by either Federal or New York State authorities or a material disruption in commercial banking or securities settlement or clearance services in the United States; or (iv) the outbreak of hostilities or the escalation of existing hostilities involving the United States or the declaration by the United States of a national emergency or war, or the occurrence of any other national or international calamity or crises or any change in financial, political or economic conditions in the United States or elsewhere, if the effect of any such event specified in this clause (iv) in the reasonable judgment of the Representative[s], makes it impracticable or inadvisable to proceed with the public offering or delivery of the Securities on the terms and in the manner contemplated in the Prospectus;

(j) The Company shall have complied with the provisions of Section 5(c) hereof with respect to the furnishing of prospectuses; and

(k) The Company shall have furnished or caused to be furnished to the Representative[s] at the Time of Delivery certificates of officers of the Company satisfactory to the Representative[s] as to the accuracy of the representations and warranties of the Company herein at and as of the Time of Delivery, as to the performance by the Company of all of its obligations hereunder to be performed at or prior to the Time of Delivery, as to the matters set forth in subsections (a) and (h) of this Section and as to such other matters as the Representative[s] may reasonably request.

8. (a) The Company will indemnify and hold harmless each Underwriter against any losses, claims, damages or liabilities, joint or several, to which such Underwriter may become subject, under the Act or otherwise, insofar as such losses, claims, damages or liabilities (or actions in respect thereof) arise out of or are based upon an untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in any preliminary prospectus, the Registration Statement or the Prospectus, or any amendment or supplement thereto, or arise out of or are based upon the omission or alleged omission to state therein a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading, and will reimburse each Underwriter for any legal or other expenses reasonably incurred by such Underwriter in connection with investigating or defending any such action or claim as such expenses are incurred; *provided, however*, that the Company shall not be liable in any such case to the extent that any such loss, claim, damage or liability arises out of or is based upon an untrue statement or alleged untrue statement or omission or alleged omission made in any preliminary prospectus, the Registration Statement or the Prospectus or any such amendment or supplement in reliance upon and in conformity with written information furnished to the Company by any Underwriter through the Representative[s] expressly for use therein and *provided, further*, that the Company shall not be liable to any Underwriter under this subsection in respect of any such loss, claim, damage or liability arising out of or based upon an untrue statement or alleged untrue statement in, or an omission or alleged omission from, any preliminary prospectus if (i) such Underwriter sold securities to a person to whom it delivered a copy of such preliminary prospectus, (ii) no copy of the Prospectus was delivered to such person with or prior to the written confirmation of the sale involved, (iii) the Company had previously furnished copies of the Prospectus in sufficient quantities and sufficiently in advance of the Time of Delivery to allow for the distribution thereof prior to the Time of Delivery and (iv) the defect in such preliminary prospectus was corrected in the Prospectus;

(b) Each Underwriter will indemnify and hold harmless the Company against any losses, claims, damages or liabilities to which the Company may become subject, under the Act or otherwise, insofar as such losses, claims, damages or liabilities (or actions in respect thereof) arise out of or are based upon an untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in any preliminary prospectus, the Registration Statement or the Prospectus, or any amendment or supplement thereto, or arise out of or are based upon the omission or alleged omission to state therein a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading, in each case to the extent, but only to the extent, that such untrue statement or alleged untrue statement or omission or alleged omission was made in any preliminary prospectus, the Registration Statement or the Prospectus or any such amendment or supplement in reliance upon and in conformity with written information furnished to the Company by such Underwriter through the Representative[s] expressly for use therein; and will reimburse the Company for any legal or other expenses reasonably incurred by the Company in connection with investigating or defending any such action or claim as such expenses are incurred;

(c) Promptly after receipt by an indemnified party under subsection (a) or (b) above of notice of the commencement of any action, such indemnified party shall, if a claim in respect thereof is to be made against the indemnifying party under such subsection, notify the indemnifying party in writing of the commencement thereof; but the omission so to notify the indemnifying party shall not relieve it from any liability which it may have to any indemnified party otherwise than under such subsection. In case any such action shall be brought against any indemnified party and it shall notify the indemnifying party of the commencement thereof, the indemnifying party shall be entitled to participate therein and, to the extent that it shall wish, jointly with any other indemnifying party similarly notified, to assume the defense thereof, with counsel satisfactory to such indemnified party (who shall not, except with the consent of the indemnified party, be counsel to the indemnifying party), and, after notice from the indemnifying party to such indemnified party of its election so to assume the defense thereof, the indemnifying party shall not be liable to such indemnified party under such subsection for any legal expenses of other counsel or any other expenses, in each case subsequently incurred by such indemnified party, in connection with the defense thereof other than reasonable costs of investigation. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in any such proceeding, any indemnified party shall have the right to retain its own counsel, but the fees and expenses of such counsel shall be at the expense of such indemnified party unless (i) the indemnifying party and the indemnified party shall have mutually agreed to the retention of such counsel or (ii) the named parties to any such proceeding (including any impleaded parties) include both the indemnifying party and the indemnified party and representation of both parties by the same counsel would be inappropriate due to actual or potential differing interests between them. The indemnifying party shall not, without the written consent of the indemnified party, effect the settlement or compromise of, or consent to the entry of any judgment with respect to, any pending or threatened action or claim in respect of which indemnification or contribution may be sought hereunder (whether or not the indemnified party is an actual or potential party to such action or claim) unless such settlement, compromise or judgment (i) includes an unconditional release of the indemnified party from all liability arising out of such action or claim and (ii) does not include a statement as to or an admission of fault, culpability or a failure to act, by or on behalf of any indemnified party. The indemnified party shall not, without the written consent of the indemnifying party, effect the settlement or compromise of, or consent to the entry of any judgment with respect to, any such pending or threatened action or claim;

(d) If the indemnification provided for in this Section 8 is unavailable to or insufficient to hold harmless an indemnified party under subsection (a) or (b) above in respect of any losses, claims, damages or liabilities (or actions in respect thereof) referred to therein, then each indemnifying party shall contribute to the amount paid or payable by such indemnified party as a result of such losses, claims, damages or liabilities (or actions in respect thereof) in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect the relative benefits received by the Company on the one hand and the Underwriters on the other from the offering of the Securities. If, however, the allocation provided by the immediately preceding sentence is not permitted by applicable law or if the indemnified party failed to give the notice required under subsection (c) above, then each indemnifying party shall contribute to such amount paid or payable by such indemnified party in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect not only such relative benefits but also the relative fault of the Company on the one hand and the Underwriters on the other in connection with the statements or omissions which resulted in such losses, claims, damages or liabilities (or actions in respect thereof), as well as any other relevant equitable considerations. The relative benefits received by the Company on the one hand and the Underwriters on the other shall be deemed to be in the same proportion as the total net proceeds from the offering (before deducting expenses) received by the Company bear to the total underwriting discounts and commissions received by the Underwriters, in each case as set forth in the table on the cover page of the Prospectus. The relative fault shall be determined by reference to, among other things, whether the untrue or alleged untrue statement of a material fact or the omission or alleged omission to state a material fact relates to information supplied by the Company on the one hand or the Underwriters on the other and the parties' relative intent, knowledge, access to information and opportunity to correct or prevent such statement or omission. The Company and the Underwriters agree that it would not be just and equitable if contribution pursuant to this subsection (d) were determined by *pro rata* allocation (even if the Underwriters were treated as one entity for such purpose) or by any other method of allocation which does not take account of the equitable considerations referred to above in this subsection (d). The amount paid or payable by an indemnified party as a result of the losses, claims, damages or liabilities (or actions in respect thereof) referred to above in this subsection (d) shall, except as limited by subsection (c) above, be deemed to include any legal or other expenses reasonably incurred by such indemnified party in connection with investigating or defending any such action or claim. Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection (d), no Underwriter shall be required to contribute any amount in excess of the amount by which the total price at which the Securities underwritten by it and distributed to the public were offered to the public exceeds the amount of any damages which such Underwriter has otherwise been required to pay by reason of such untrue or alleged untrue statement or omission or alleged omission. No person guilty of fraudulent misrepresentation (within the meaning of Section 11(f) of the Act) shall be entitled to contribution from any person who was not guilty of such fraudulent misrepresentation. The Underwriters' obligations in this subsection (d) to contribute are several in proportion to their respective underwriting obligations and not joint;

(e) The obligations of the Company under this Section 8 shall be in addition to any liability which the Company may otherwise have and shall extend, upon the same terms and conditions, to each person, if any, who controls any Underwriter within the meaning of the Act; and the obligations of the Underwriters under this Section 8 shall be in addition to any liability which the respective Underwriters may otherwise have and shall extend, upon the same terms and conditions, to each officer and director of the Company and to each person, if any, who controls the Company within the meaning of the Act;

9. (a) If any Underwriter shall default in its obligation to purchase the Securities which it has agreed to purchase hereunder at a Time of Delivery, the Representative[s] may in their discretion arrange for themselves or another party or other parties to purchase such Securities on the terms contained herein. If within thirty-six hours after such default by any Underwriter the Representative[s] do not arrange for the purchase of such Securities, then the Company shall be entitled to a further period of thirty-six hours within which to procure another party or other parties reasonably satisfactory to the Representative[s] to purchase such Securities on such terms. In the event that, within the respective prescribed periods, the Representative[s] notify the Company that they have so arranged for the purchase of such Securities, or the Company notifies the Representative[s] that it has so arranged for the purchase of such Securities, the Representative[s] or the Company shall have the right to postpone the Time of Delivery for a period of not more than seven days, in order to effect whatever changes may thereby be made necessary in the Registration Statement or the Prospectus, or in any other documents or arrangements, and the Company agrees to file promptly any amendments to the Registration Statement or the Prospectus which, in the reasonable judgment of the Representative[s], may thereby be made necessary. The term "Underwriter" as used in this Agreement shall include any person substituted under this Section 9 with like effect as if such person had originally been a party to this Agreement with respect to such Securities;

(b) If, after giving effect to any arrangements for the purchase of the Securities of a defaulting Underwriter or Underwriters by the Representative[s] and the Company as provided in subsection (a) above, the aggregate principal amount of such Securities which remains unpurchased does not exceed one-tenth of the aggregate principal amount of all the Securities to be purchased at the Time of Delivery, then the Company shall have the right to require each non-defaulting Underwriter to purchase the principal amount of Securities which such Underwriter agreed to purchase hereunder at the Time of Delivery and, in addition, to require each non-defaulting Underwriter to purchase its *pro rata* share (based on the principal amount of Securities which such Underwriter agreed to purchase hereunder) of the Securities of such defaulting Underwriter or Underwriters for which such arrangements have not been made; but nothing herein shall relieve a defaulting Underwriter from liability for its default;



(c) If, after giving effect to any arrangements for the purchase of the Securities of a defaulting Underwriter or Underwriters by the Representative[s] and the Company as provided in subsection (a) above, the aggregate principal amount of such Securities which remains unpurchased exceeds one-tenth of the aggregate principal amount of all the Securities to be purchased at the Time of Delivery, or if the Company shall not exercise the right described in subsection (b) above to require non-defaulting Underwriters to purchase Securities of a defaulting Underwriter or Underwriters, then this Agreement shall thereupon terminate, without liability on the part of any non-defaulting Underwriter or the Company, except for the expenses to be borne by the Company and the Underwriters as provided in Section 6 hereof and the indemnity and contribution agreements in Section 8 hereof; but nothing herein shall relieve a defaulting Underwriter from liability for its default.

10. The respective indemnities, agreements, representations, warranties and other statements of the Company and the several Underwriters, as set forth in this Agreement or made by or on behalf of them, respectively, pursuant to this Agreement, shall remain in full force and effect, regardless of any investigation (or any statement as to the results thereof) made by or on behalf of any Underwriter or any controlling person of any Underwriter, or the Company, or any officer or director or controlling person of the Company, and shall survive delivery of and payment for the Securities.

11. If this Agreement shall be terminated pursuant to Section 9 hereof, or if the Underwriters elect not to consummate the Agreement due to the occurrence of any event specified in clauses (i), (iii) or (iv) of Section 7(i), the Company shall not then be under any liability to any Underwriter except as provided in Sections 6 and 8 hereof; but, if this Agreement is not consummated for any other reason, the Company will reimburse the Underwriters through the Representative[s] for all out-of-pocket expenses approved in writing by the Representative[s], including fees and disbursements of counsel, reasonably incurred by the Underwriters in making preparations for the purchase, sale and delivery of the Securities not so delivered, but the Company shall then be under no further liability to any Underwriter except as provided in Sections 6 and 8 hereof.

12. In all dealings hereunder, the Representative[s] shall act on behalf of each of the Underwriters, and the parties hereto shall be entitled to act and rely upon any statement, request, notice or agreement on behalf of any Underwriter made or given by such Representative[s].

All statements, requests, notices and agreements hereunder shall be in writing, and if to the Underwriters shall be delivered or sent by mail, telex or facsimile transmission to the Representative[s] at \_\_\_\_\_, Attention: \_\_\_\_\_; and if to the Company shall be delivered or sent by mail to the address of the Company set forth in the Registration Statement, Attention: Treasurer; Any such statements, requests, notices or agreements shall take effect upon receipt thereof.

13. This Agreement shall be binding upon, and inure solely to the benefit of, the Underwriters, the Company and, to the extent provided in Sections 8 and 10 hereof, the officers and directors of the Company and each person who controls the Company or any Underwriter, and their respective heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, and no other person shall acquire or have any right under or by virtue of this Agreement. No purchaser of any of the Securities from any Underwriter shall be deemed a successor or assign by reason merely of such purchase.

14. Time shall be of the essence of this Agreement.

15. **This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New York.**

16. This Agreement may be executed by any one or more of the parties hereto in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original, but all such counterparts shall together constitute one and the same instrument.

If the foregoing is in accordance with your understanding, please sign and return to us \_\_\_ counterparts hereof, and upon the acceptance hereof by you, on behalf of each of the Underwriters, this Agreement and such acceptance hereof shall constitute a binding agreement between each of the Underwriters and the Company. It is understood that the acceptance by you of this letter on behalf of each of the Underwriters is pursuant to the authority set forth in the Agreement Among Underwriters, a copy of which shall be submitted to the Company for examination, but without warranty on the part of the Representative[s] as to the authority of the signers thereof (other than the Representative[s]).

Very truly yours,

AVISTA CORPORATION

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name:

Title:

Accepted as of the date hereof:

\_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name:

Title:

On behalf of each of the Underwriters

Schedule I

<u>Underwriter</u>	<u>Principal Amount of Securities to be Purchased</u>
[ ]	\$ [ ]
[ ]	[ ]
[ ]	[ ]
Total	\$ [ ]

**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' CONSENT**

We consent to the incorporation by reference in this Pre-Effective Amendment No. 1 to the Registration Statement of Avista Corporation on Form S-3 of our report dated February 7, 2003 (March 3, 2003, as to Note 28) (which report expresses an unqualified opinion and includes an explanatory paragraph regarding the adoption during 2002 of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 142, *Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets*, and the change in presentation of energy trading activities in accordance with Emerging Issues Task Force Issue No. 02-3), appearing in the Annual Report on Form 10-K of Avista Corporation for the year ended December 31, 2002, and to the reference to us under the heading "Experts" in the Prospectus, which is part of this Registration Statement.

/s/ DELOITTE & TOUCHE LLP

Seattle, Washington

August 19, 2003

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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D. C. 20549

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**FORM T-1****STATEMENT OF ELIGIBILITY  
UNDER THE TRUST INDENTURE ACT OF 1939 OF  
A CORPORATION DESIGNATED TO ACT AS TRUSTEE**

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**CHECK IF AN APPLICATION TO DETERMINE ELIGIBILITY OF  
A TRUSTEE PURSUANT TO SECTION 305(b)(2)**

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**JPMORGAN CHASE BANK**

(Exact name of trustee as specified in its charter)

**New York**  
(State of incorporation  
if not a national bank)

**270 Park Avenue**  
**New York, New York**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**13-4994650**  
(I.R.S. employer  
identification No.)

**10017**  
(Zip Code)

**William H. McDavid**  
**General Counsel**  
**270 Park Avenue**  
**New York, New York 10017**  
**Tel: (212) 270-2611**  
(Name, address and telephone number of agent for service)

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**Avista Corporation**

(exact name of obligor as specified in its charter)

**WASHINGTON**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

**1411 East Mission Avenue**  
**Spokane, Washington 99202**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**91-0462470**  
(I.R.S. employer  
identification No.)

**99202**  
(Zip Code)

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**\$150,000,000 Avista Corporation Debt Securities**  
(Title of the indenture securities)

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**GENERAL**

Item 1. General Information.

Furnish the following information as to the trustee:

(a) Name and address of each examining or supervising authority to which it is subject.

New York State Banking Department, State House, Albany, New York 12110.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Washington, D.C., 20551

Federal Reserve Bank of New York, District No. 2, 33 Liberty Street, New York, N.Y.

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, Washington, D.C., 20429.

(b) Whether it is authorized to exercise corporate trust powers.

Yes.

Item 2. Affiliations with the Obligor and Guarantors.

If the obligor or any Guarantor is an affiliate of the trustee, describe each such affiliation.

None.

**Items 3-15** are not applicable because, to the best of the Trustee's knowledge, the obligor is not in default under any Indenture for which the Trustee acts as Trustee.





## Exhibit 7 to Form T-1

## Bank Call Notice

RESERVE DISTRICT NO. 2  
CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF CONDITION OF

JPMorgan Chase Bank  
of 270 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10017  
and Foreign and Domestic Subsidiaries,  
a member of the Federal Reserve System,  
at the close of business March 31, 2003, in  
accordance with a call made by the Federal Reserve Bank of this  
District pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Reserve Act.

Dollar Amounts  
in Millions

<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash and balances due from depository institutions:		
Noninterest-bearing balances and currency and coin	\$	21,415
Interest-bearing balances		6,882
Securities:		
Held to maturity securities		334
Available for sale securities		80,076
Federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell		
Federal funds sold in domestic offices		14,044
Securities purchased under agreements to resell		73,060
Loans and lease financing receivables:		
Loans and leases held for sale		25,832
Loans and leases, net of unearned income	\$	161,345
Less: Allowance for loan and lease losses		3,823
Loans and leases, net of unearned income and allowance		157,522
Trading Assets		189,427
Premises and fixed assets (including capitalized leases)		6,186
Other real estate owned		131
Investments in unconsolidated subsidiaries and associated companies		691
Customers' liability to this bank on acceptances outstanding		225
Intangible assets		
Goodwill		2,180
Other Intangible assets		3,314
Other assets		40,377
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>621,696</b>

**LIABILITIES**

Deposits	
In domestic offices	\$ 174,351
Noninterest-bearing	\$ 70,991
Interest-bearing	103,360
In foreign offices, Edge and Agreement subsidiaries and IBF's	125,789
Noninterest-bearing	\$ 7,531
Interest-bearing	118,258
Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase:	
Federal funds purchased in domestic offices	5,929
Securities sold under agreements to repurchase	113,903
Trading liabilities	116,329
Other borrowed money (includes mortgage indebtedness and obligations under capitalized leases)	10,758
Bank's liability on acceptances executed and outstanding	225
Subordinated notes and debentures	8,306
Other liabilities	29,735
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>585,325</b>
Minority Interest in consolidated subsidiaries	97
	<b>EQUITY CAPITAL</b>
Perpetual preferred stock and related surplus	0
Common stock	1,785
Surplus (exclude all surplus related to preferred stock)	16,304
Retained earnings	17,228
Accumulated other comprehensive income	957
Other equity capital components	0
<b>TOTAL EQUITY CAPITAL</b>	<b>36,274</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES, MINORITY INTEREST, AND EQUITY CAPITAL</b>	<b>\$ 621,696</b>

I, Joseph L. Sclafani, E.V.P. & Controller of the above-named bank, do hereby declare that this Report of Condition has been prepared in conformance with the instructions issued by the appropriate Federal regulatory authority and is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

JOSEPH L. SCLAFANI

We, the undersigned directors, attest to the correctness of this Report of Condition and declare that it has been examined by us, and to the best of our knowledge and belief has been prepared in conformance with the instructions issued by the appropriate Federal regulatory authority and is true and correct.

WILLIAM B. HARRISON, JR.	)
HELENE L. KAPLAN	) DIRECTORS
WILLIAM H. GRAY, III	)

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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

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**FORM T-1**

**STATEMENT OF ELIGIBILITY  
UNDER THE TRUST INDENTURE ACT OF 1939 OF A  
CORPORATION DESIGNATED TO ACT AS TRUSTEE**

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Check if an application to determine eligibility of a Trustee  
pursuant to Section 305 (b)(2) \_\_\_\_\_

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**CITIBANK, N.A.**

(Exact name of trustee as specified in its charter)

399 Park Avenue, New York, New York  
(Address of principal executive office)

13-5266470  
(I.R.S. employer identification no.)

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10043  
(Zip Code)

**AVISTA CORPORATION**

(Exact name of obligor 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  
Spokane, Washington  
(Address of principal executive offices)

99202-2600  
(Zip Code)

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Debt Securities  
(Title of the indenture securities)

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Item 1. General Information.

Furnish the following information as to the trustee:

- (a) Name and address of each examining or supervising authority to which it is subject.

Name

Address

Comptroller of the Currency

Washington, D.C.

Federal Reserve Bank of New York  
33 Liberty Street  
New York, NY

New York, NY

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation

Washington, D.C.

- (b) Whether it is authorized to exercise corporate trust powers.

Yes.

Item 2. Affiliations with Obligor.

If the obligor is an affiliate of the trustee, describe each such affiliation.

None.

Item 16. List of Exhibits.

List below all exhibits filed as a part of this Statement of Eligibility.

Exhibits identified in parentheses below, on file with the Commission, are incorporated herein by reference as exhibits hereto.

Exhibit 1—Copy of Articles of Association of the Trustee, as now in effect. (Exhibit 1 to T-1 to Registration Statement No. 2-79983)

Exhibit 2—Copy of certificate of authority of the Trustee to commence business. (Exhibit 2 to T-1 to Registration Statement No. 2-29577).

Exhibit 3—Copy of authorization of the Trustee to exercise corporate trust powers. (Exhibit 3 to T-1 to Registration Statement No. 2-55519)

Exhibit 4—Copy of existing By-Laws of the Trustee. (Exhibit 4 to T-1 to Registration Statement No. 33-34988)

Exhibit 5—Not applicable.

Exhibit 6—The consent of the Trustee required by Section 321(b) of the Trust Indenture Act of 1939. (Exhibit 6 to T-1 to Registration Statement No. 33-19227.)

Exhibit 7—Copy of the latest Report of Condition of Citibank, N.A. (as of March 31, 2003-attached)

Exhibit 8—Not applicable.

Exhibit 9—Not applicable.

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SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, the Trustee, Citibank, N.A., a national banking association organized and existing under the laws of the United States of America, has duly caused this statement of eligibility to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, all in The City of New York and State of New York, on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2003.

CITIBANK, N.A.

By: \_\_\_\_\_ /s/ WAFAA ORFY

Wafaa Orfy  
Vice President

Charter No. 1461  
 Comptroller of the Currency  
 Northeastern District  
 REPORT OF CONDITION  
 CONSOLIDATING  
 DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN  
 SUBSIDIARIES OF

Citibank, N.A. of New York in the State of New York, at the close of business on March 31, 2003, published in response to call made by Comptroller of the Currency, under Title 12, United States Code, Section 161. Charter Number 1461 Comptroller of the Currency Northeastern District.

Thousands of dollars

<b>ASSETS</b>	
Cash and balances due from depository institutions:	
Noninterest-bearing balances and currency and coin	\$ 11,366,000
Interest-bearing balances	15,861,000
Held-to-maturity securities	59,000
Available-for-sale securities	81,671,000
Federal funds sold in domestic Offices	5,636,000
Federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell	9,053,000
Loans and leases held for sale	3,456,000
Loans and lease financing receivables:	
Loans and Leases, net of unearned income	302,878,000
LESS: Allowance for loan and lease losses	8,127,000
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Loans and leases, net of unearned income, allowance, and reserve	294,751,000
Trading assets	47,370,000
Premises and fixed assets (including capitalized leases)	3,902,000
Other real estate owned	106,000
Investments in unconsolidated subsidiaries and associated companies	700,000
Customers' liability to this bank on acceptances outstanding	999,000
Intangible assets: Goodwill	5,399,000
Intangible assets: Other intangible assets	4,906,000
Other assets	29,568,000
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<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 514,803,000</b>

**LIABILITIES**

Deposits: In domestic offices	\$ 112,782,000
Noninterest-bearing	19,239,000
Interest-bearing	93,543,000
In foreign offices, Edge and Agreement subsidiaries, and IBFs	234,180,000
Noninterest-bearing	16,569,000
Interest-bearing	217,611,000
Federal funds purchased in domestic Offices	15,066,000
Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase	12,746,000
Demand notes issued to the U.S. Treasury	0
Trading liabilities	29,412,000
Other borrowed money (includes mortgage indebtedness and obligations under capitalized leases): ss	29,761,000
Bank's liability on acceptances executed and outstanding	999,000
Subordinated notes and debentures	11,500,000
Other liabilities	27,247,000

**TOTAL LIABILITIES** **\$ 473,693,000**

**Minority interest in consolidated Subsidiaries** 224,000

**EQUITY CAPITAL**

Perpetual preferred stock and related surplus	1,950,000
Common stock	751,000
Surplus	22,115,000
Retained Earnings	16,910,000
Accumulated net gains (losses) on cash flow hedges	840,000
Other equity capital components	0

**TOTAL EQUITY CAPITAL** **\$ 40,886,000**

**TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY CAPITAL** **\$ 514,803,000**

I, Roger W. Trupin, Controller of the above-named bank do hereby declare that this Report of Condition is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

ROGER W. TRUPIN CONTROLLER

We, the undersigned directors, attest to the correctness of this Report of Condition. We declare that it has been examined by us, and to the best of our knowledge and belief has been prepared in conformance with the instructions and is true and correct.

GRACE B. VOGEL  
ALAN S. MACDONALD  
WILLIAM R. RHODES  
VICTOR J. MENEZES  
DIRECTORS