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> UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): December 16, 2014

AVISTA CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Washington1-370191-0462470(State of other jurisdiction of (Commission(I.R.S. Employerincorporation)file number)Identification No.)1411 East Mission Avenue, Spokane, Washington99202-2600(Address of principal executive offices)(Zip Code)Registrant's telephone number, including area code:509-489-0500

Web site: http://www.avistacorp.com

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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

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Section 8 – Other Events

Item 8.01 Other Events.

On December 16, 2014, Avista Corporation (Avista Corp. or the Company) issued a press release announcing that the Board of Directors of the Company has approved the repurchase of up to 800,000 shares of the Company's outstanding common stock through a share repurchase plan, commencing on January 2, 2015, and continuing through March 31, 2015.

The previously authorized share repurchase plan for the repurchase of up to 4,000,000 shares of the Company's outstanding common stock that was announced by the Company on June 13, 2014 will terminate as originally planned on or before December 31, 2014.

A copy of the press release is filed as Exhibit 99.1 and the information relating to the stock repurchase program contained there is incorporated herein by reference.

Section 9 - Financial Statements and Exhibits

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press release dated December 16, 2014, which is being filed pursuant to Item 8.01.

Neither the filing of any press release as an exhibit to this Current Report nor the inclusion in such press release of a reference to Avista Corp.'s Internet address shall, under any circumstances, be deemed to incorporate the information available at such Internet address into this Current Report. The information available at Avista Corp.'s Internet address is not part of this Current Report or any other report furnished or filed by Avista Corp. with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

AVISTA CORPORATION (Registrant)

Date: December 16, 2014

/s/ Mark T. Thies Mark T. Thies Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, and Treasurer