

AVISTA CORP  
Form 8-K  
December 22, 2006

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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 22, 2006

**AVISTA CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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

**1-3701**  
(Commission  
File Number)

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

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

**99202-2600**  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 509-489-0500

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

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

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

- .. Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- “ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
  - “ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 8.01 Other Events.**

On December 22, 2006, Avista Corporation (Avista Corp.) entered into a Sales Agency Agreement with BNY Capital Markets, Inc. (BNYCMI). Under the terms of the Sales Agency Agreement, Avista Corp. may offer and sell up to 2,000,000 shares of its common stock, no par value, and the preferred share purchase rights attached thereto, from time to time through BNYCMI, as Avista Corp.'s agent for the offer and sale of the shares.

These shares will be issued under a registration statement previously filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) (File No. 333-139239). Avista Corp. will file a prospectus supplement with the SEC in connection with this offer and sale of shares.

This Current Report on Form 8-K is being filed for the purpose of filing an exhibit to the registration statement and related prospectus supplement for the issuance of common stock. Such exhibit is hereby incorporated by reference into the registration statement and related prospectus supplement by reference.

This Current Report on Form 8-K does not constitute an offer to sell or a solicitation of an offer to buy the securities described herein, and there shall not be any sale of these securities in any state or jurisdiction in which such an offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the securities laws of any such jurisdiction. The sale of securities is being made only by means of a prospectus and related prospectus supplement.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

**(d) Exhibits**

1.1 Sales Agency Agreement, dated December 22, 2006, between Avista Corporation and BNY Capital Markets, Inc.

**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 22, 2006

/s/ Marian M. Durkin  
Marian M. Durkin  
Senior Vice President, General Counsel

and Chief Compliance Officer