

AVISTA CORP
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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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Meeting Information

AVISTA CORPORATION

Meeting Type: Annual

For holders as of: 03/06/09

Date: 05/07/09 **Time:** 8:15 a.m.

Location: Avista Main Office Building
1411 E. Mission Avenue
Spokane, WA 99220

AVISTA CORPORATION

EAST 1411 MISSION AVENUE

P.O. BOX 3647

SPOKANE, WA 99220

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Voting Items

The Board of Directors recommends

a vote FOR items 1, 2 and 3.

- 1) Election of four (4) directors.

Nominees:

- 1) John F. Kelly

- 2) Scott L. Morris

- 3) Heidi B. Stanley

- 4) R. John Taylor

- 2) Ratification of the appointment of Deloitte & Touche LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for 2009.

- 3) Reapproval of the material terms of performance goals under the Company's Long-Term Incentive Plan.

The Board of Directors makes no recommendation either FOR or AGAINST item 4.

- 4) Consideration of a Shareholder Proposal to eliminate the classification of the Board of Directors so as to require that all directors be elected annually.

The Board of Directors recommends a vote AGAINST item 5.

- 5) Consideration of a Shareholder Proposal to require that an independent director serve as Chair of the Board who does not also serve as CEO of the Company.

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