

AVISTA CORP
Form 8-K
August 16, 2016

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): August 10, 2016

AVISTA CORPORATION
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Washington	1-3701	91-0462470
(State of other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission file number)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)
1411 East Mission Avenue, Spokane, Washington	99202-2600	
(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))

Section 1 – Registrant's Business and Operations

Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On August 10, 2016, Avista Corporation (Avista Corp. or the Company) entered into a term loan agreement with MFUG Union Bank, N.A., as lender and administrative agent in the amount of \$70.0 million with an expiration date of December 30, 2016. Loans under this agreement are unsecured and will have a variable annual interest rate determined by either the Eurodollar rate or the Alternative Base Rate depending on the type of loan selected by Avista Corp.

The term loan agreement contains customary covenants and default provisions, including a covenant not to permit the ratio of “consolidated total debt” to “consolidated total capitalization” of Avista Corp. to be greater than 65 percent at any time.

The Company has borrowed the entire \$70.0 million available under this agreement, which were used to repay a portion of the \$90 million in First Mortgage Bonds maturing in August 2016.

Section 2 - Financial Information

Item 2.03 Creation of a Direct Financial Obligation or an Obligation under an Off-Balance Sheet Arrangement of a Registrant.

See description of Avista Corp.'s \$70.0 million unsecured term loan agreement having a variable interest rate due on December 30, 2016 under Item 1.01.

Section 9 - Financial Statements and Exhibits

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

- 10.1 Term Loan Agreement, dated as of August 10, 2016, among Avista Corporation and MFUG Union Bank, N.A., as Lender and Administrative Agent.

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: August 16, 2016 /s/ Mark T. Thies
Mark T. Thies
Senior Vice President,
Chief Financial Officer, and Treasurer