AVISTA CORP Form S-8 POS February 07, 2006

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

#### POST-EFFECTIVE AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO FORM S-8 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) 91-0462470 (I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

1411 East Mission Avenue Spokane, Washington 99202-2600 (509) 489-0500

(Address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of registrant's principal executive offices)

**Avista Corporation Long-Term Incentive Plan** (Full title of the plan)

M. K. MALQUIST Senior Vice President, Chief Executive Officer and Treasurer AVISTA CORPORATION 1411 East Mission Avenue Spokane, Washington 99202-2600 (509) 489-0500

(Name, address and telephone number, including area code, of agent for service)

Copy to:

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### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 to the Registration Statement on Form S-8 of Avista Corporation (File No. 333-126577), is being filed to include therein Exhibit 5.1, the legal opinion of Heller Ehrman LLP.

#### Item 8. Exhibits.

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<u>Number</u>		Description of Exhibits
3.1*	-	Restated Articles of Incorporation of Avista Corporation as
		amended November 1, 1999, filed as Exhibit 3(a) to the Annual
		Report on Form 10-K for the period ended December 31, 2001,
		which exhibit is incorporated herein by reference.
3.2*	-	Bylaws of Avista Corporation, as amended August 13, 2004, filed
		as Exhibit 3(b) to the Current Report on Form 8-K dated as of
		August 13, 2004, which exhibit is incorporated herein by
		reference.
4.1*	-	Avista Corporation Long-Term Incentive Plan, as amended, filed
		as Appendix A to the Definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A
		of Avista Corporation filed on March 31, 2005, which appendix is
		incorporated herein by reference.
5.1**	-	Opinion of Heller Ehrman LLP
	-	Letter from Deloitte & Touche LLP regarding Unaudited Interim
15**		Financial Information
23.1**	-	Consent of Deloitte & Touche LLP
23.2**	-	Consent of Heller Ehrman LLP (included in Exhibit 5.1)
24.1*	-	Power of Attorney

\* Previously filed.

\*\* Filed herewith.

#### SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the Registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 to the Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Spokane and State of Washington on this 7<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2006.

#### AVISTA CORPORATION

By:/s/ Malyn K. Malquist Malyn K. Malquist Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer & Treasurer

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this registration statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the date indicated.

<u>Signature</u>	Title
* Gary G. Ely Chairman of the Board President and Chief Executive Officer	Principal Executive Officer
* Malyn K. Malquist Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer & Treasurer	Principal Financial Officer and Accounting Officer
*	Director
Erik J. Anderson	
*	Director
Kristianne Blake	
*	Director
David A. Clack	

\* Director

Roy Lewis Eiguren

\* Director Jack W. Gustavel \* Director John F. Kelly \* Director Jessie J. Knight, Jr. \* Director Michael L. Noël \* Director Lura J. Powell, Ph.D. \* Director R. John Taylor \*By: /s/ Malyn K. Malquist Malyn K. Malquist Attorney-in-Fact

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