

AVISTA CORP  
Form 8-K  
December 18, 2008

**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, 2008

**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>

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

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**Section 1 Registrant's Business and Operations**

**Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.**

On December 16, 2008, Avista Corporation (Avista Corp. or the Company) issued \$30.0 million of 7.25 percent First Mortgage Bonds (Bonds) due in 2013 pursuant to a bond purchase agreement with a certain institutional investor in the private placement market. The Bonds were issued under and in accordance with the Mortgage and Deed of Trust, dated as of June 1, 1939, from the Company to Citibank, N.A., trustee, as amended and supplemented by various supplemental indentures and other instruments.

The net proceeds from the issuance of \$29.9 million (net of placement agent fees and before Avista Corp.'s expenses) were used to repay \$25.0 million of medium term notes that matured on December 10, 2008 and repay a portion of the borrowings outstanding under the Company's five-year \$320.0 million committed line of credit.

**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 issuance of \$30.0 million of 7.25 percent First Mortgage Bonds due in 2013 under Item 1.01.

**Section 9 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

**(d) Exhibits**

4.1 Forty-fourth Supplemental Indenture, dated as of December 1, 2008.

**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 18, 2008

/s/ Marian M. Durkin  
Marian M. Durkin  
Senior Vice President, General Counsel  
and Chief Compliance Officer