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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 11-K

(Mark One)
x ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017
or

¨TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
FOR THE TRANSITION PERIOD FROM TO
Commission file number 1-3701

THE INVESTMENT AND EMPLOYEE STOCK
OWNERSHIP PLAN OF
AVISTA CORPORATION
(Full Title of the Plan)
AVISTA CORPORATION
1411 East Mission Avenue
Spokane, Washington 99202-2600
(Name of issuer of the securities held pursuant to the plan
and the address of its principal executive office)

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THE INVESTMENT AND EMPLOYEE STOCK
OWNERSHIP PLAN OF
AVISTA CORPORATION

Financial Statements

Attached are the Plan's financial statements and schedules prepared in accordance with the financial reporting requirements of ERISA.

Exhibits

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INVESTMENT AND EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN
OF AVISTA CORPORATION

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND
SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017 AND 2016

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Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

Compensation & Organization Committee
Benefit Plans Administration Committee
Investment and Employee Stock Ownership Plan
of Avista Corporation
Spokane, Washington

Opinion on the Financial Statements
We have audited the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits of Investment and Employee Stock Ownership Plan of Avista Corporation (the Plan) as of December 31, 2017 and 2016, the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the years then ended, and the related notes and schedules (collectively referred to as the financial statements). In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits of Investment and Employee Stock Ownership Plan of Avista Corporation as of December 31, 2017 and 2016, and the changes in net assets available for benefits for the years then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion
These financial statements are the responsibility of the Plan’s management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Plan’s financial statements based on our audits. We are a public accounting firm registered with the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) (PCAOB) and are required to be independent with respect to the Plan in accordance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether due to error or fraud. The Plan is not required to have, nor were we engaged to perform, an audit of its internal control over financial reporting. As part of our audits, we are required to obtain an understanding of internal control over financial reporting, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Plan’s internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion.

Our audits included performing procedures to assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to error or fraud, and performing procedures that respond to those risks. Such procedures included examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. Our audits also included evaluating the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

Supplemental Information
The supplemental schedule of assets (held at end of year) (supplemental information) has been subjected to audit procedures performed in conjunction with the audit of the Plan's financial statements. The supplemental information is the responsibility of the Plan's management. Our audit procedures included determining whether the supplemental information reconciles to the financial statements or the underlying accounting and other records, as applicable, and performing procedures to test the completeness and accuracy of the information presented in the supplemental information. In forming our opinion on the supplemental information, we evaluated whether the supplemental information, including its form and content, is presented in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and

Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. In our opinion, the supplemental information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

/s/ CliftonLarsonAllen LLP
We are uncertain as to the year we (or our predecessor firms) began serving consecutively as the auditor of the Plan's financial statements; however, we are aware that we (or our predecessor firms) have been the Plan's auditor consecutively since at least 2001.

Charlotte, North Carolina
June 27, 2018

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INVESTMENT AND EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN
OF AVISTA CORPORATION
STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
DECEMBER 31, 2017 AND 2016

	2017	2016
Assets:		
Investments (at Fair Value):		
Common Stock	$36,286,916	$38,093,301
Self-Directed Securities	5,600,371	5,486,347
Collective Trust	46,904,886	52,066,254
Mutual Funds	445,482,449	357,764,920
Total Investments	534,274,622	453,410,822
Receivables:		
Employer Contributions	699,448	694,619
Participant Contributions	485,874	463,852
Notes Receivable from Participants	6,589,057	6,235,476
Total Receivables	7,774,379	7,393,947
Net Assets Available for Benefits	$542,049,001	$460,804,769

See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

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INVESTMENT AND EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN
OF AVISTA CORPORATION
STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017 AND 2016

	2017	2016
Additions:		
Investment Income		
Interest and Dividend Income	$16,563,205	$13,105,563
Net Appreciation in Fair Value of Investments	62,189,038	25,125,343
Total Investment Income	78,752,243	38,230,906
Interest Income on Notes Receivable from Participants	279,175	250,452
Contributions		
Employee	17,121,391	16,215,100
Employer	9,109,477	8,513,098
Rollover	9,584,993	4,478,305
Total Contributions	35,815,861	29,206,503
Total Additions	114,847,279	67,687,861
Deductions:		
Benefits Paid to Participants	(32,995,894)	(21,743,563)
Administrative Expenses	(607,153)	(498,613)
Total Deductions	(33,603,047)	(22,242,176)
Net Increase	81,244,232	45,445,685
Net Assets Available for Benefits		
Beginning of Year	460,804,769	415,359,084
End of Year	$542,049,001	$460,804,769

See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

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INVESTMENT AND EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN
OF AVISTA CORPORATION

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2017 AND 2016

NOTE 1. DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN

The following description of the Investment and Employee Stock Ownership Plan of Avista Corporation (the Plan) provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan document for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General

Effective January 1, 1984, Avista Corporation (Corporation, Company or Avista) established an Employee Investment Plan under Section 401(k) of the Internal Revenue Code as a supplemental plan to the Retirement Plan for Employees of Avista Corporation. The Plan, which was restated effective January 1, 2016, and most recently amended effective June 1, 2016, is a defined contribution plan which is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and all statutory revisions thereto. The purpose of this Plan, in which participation is voluntary, is to encourage employees to systematically save a portion of their current compensation and to supplement their savings with contributions from the Corporation. All employees of Avista Corporation are eligible to participate in the Plan after their first pay period following employment. Students, leased employees, and collectively bargained employees (other than collectively bargained employees whose employment is subject to the terms of a collective bargaining agreement which provides for participation in the Plan) are ineligible to participate in the Plan.

On July 19, 2017, Avista Corporation entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger to become a wholly-owned subsidiary of Hydro One Limited (Hydro One), based in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Consummation of the pending acquisition is subject to a number of approvals and the satisfaction or waiver of other specified conditions. The transaction is expected to close in the second half of 2018. See Note 10 for additional information.

Contributions

Plan participants may make contributions during any payroll period for which they receive earnings as eligible employees in an amount equal to but not less than 1% of their earnings. A participating employee's annual before-tax contribution was subject to federal limits of $18,000 in 2017 and 2016. Participants who have attained age 50 before the end of the Plan year are eligible to make catch-up contributions. Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified defined benefit or defined contribution plans. Employee contributions represent tax-deferred compensation and Roth 401(k) after tax compensation and may be invested in the employee's choice of various fund options (each with a different investment objective and risk) in the combination specified by the employee. Employee contributions are made by payroll deduction and transferred to the Plan trustee as soon as practicable following the payroll period in which such amounts are withheld.

Plan participants are automatically enrolled in the Plan upon eligibility at a 3% deferral rate, with an automatic increase of 1% each year up to 6%. Participants can opt out of the Plan at any time. Participants can change their deferral rate at any time.

The Corporation has an obligation to the trust fund for an amount equal to 75% of employee contributions that do not exceed 6% of the employee's salary.

The Plan was amended effective January 1, 2011, to provide employees hired on or after January 1, 2011 a matching contribution of 100% of employee contributions that do not exceed 6% of the employee's salary.

All non-collectively bargained employees hired on or after January 1, 2014, and collectively bargained Local 659 employees hired on or after April 1, 2014, receive a non-elective employer contribution based on the participant's age.

The Plan was amended effective August 1, 2005, to provide that Company matching contributions are made in the form of cash that is invested as directed by participants from among the investment options offered under the Plan. In addition, each participant may elect to diversify up to 100% of the value of the common stock held in their Employee Stock Ownership Plan (ESOP) account.

Participant Accounts

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contribution and allocations of (a) the Company's contribution and (b) Plan earnings or losses, and charged with an allocation of administrative expenses. Allocations are based on participant earnings or account balances, as defined. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account.

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Vesting
Participant contributions are 100% vested at all times. Participants vest 100% in the Company matching contribution after one year of service or upon death, disability or reaching normal retirement age. Participants vest 100% in the non-elective employer contribution after three years of service or upon death, disability or reaching normal retirement age.

Notes Receivable from Participants
Participants may borrow from their fund accounts a minimum of $1,000 up to a maximum equal to the lesser of $50,000 or 50% of their vested account balance. Principal and interest is paid ratably through payroll deductions. The notes are secured by the balance in the participant's account and bear interest at a rate of prime rate plus 1%.

Payment of Benefits
Distributions to participants are permitted for termination, retirement, death, disability, or financial hardship. A participant with a financial hardship which imposes an immediate and heavy financial need that cannot be reasonably met by other sources may withdraw a portion of his/her account balance subject to provisions of the Plan. Distributions due to termination shall commence as soon as administratively feasible following the date a participant terminates employment. Distributions may be made in a lump sum, partial lump sum, equal annual installments over a period not to exceed 3 years, or monthly installments over not more than 15 years. If the vested amount is less than $1,000, the account is paid in a lump-sum payment to the participant within a reasonable time frame. If the vested amount is more than $1,000, the participant must consent to the distribution before it may be made.

Forfeited Accounts
At December 31, 2017 and 2016, forfeited nonvested accounts totaled $94,102 and $88,322, respectively. These accounts are used first to restore accounts for returning participants, and then are used to reduce the Company's obligations to make contributions under the Plan. If there are any excess forfeitures after the Company makes matching contributions, the excess amount may be used to pay administrative expenses under the Plan. In 2017 and 2016, forfeitures in the amount of $41,669 and $39,515 were used to reduce employer contributions.

Voting Rights
Each participant is entitled to exercise voting rights attributable to the shares allocated to his or her account and is notified by the Trustee prior to the time that such rights are to be exercised. The Trustee will vote any shares on which such instructions have not been received, as well as unallocated shares, proportionately in the same manner as Common Stock for which the Trustee has received voting instructions, unless the Trustee determines that to do so would not be consistent with ERISA or a voting participant elects not to have his vote be used in this manner, in which case the Trustee will vote the non-voted or unallocated Common Stock in a manner consistent with ERISA. Fractional shares will be combined to the largest number of whole shares and voted by the Trustee to the extent possible to reflect the voting direction of whole shares by the participants holding fractional shares.

Diversification
Diversification is offered to participants so that they may have the opportunity to move the value of their investment in the Common Stock into investments which are more diversified. Participants are entitled to make an election to diversify up to 100% of the value of the Common Stock held in their ESOP account.

NOTE 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting
The accounting records of the Plan are maintained on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and changes therein, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

The Plan’s investments are reported at fair value. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The Plan’s Benefit Plan Administration Committee (BPAC) determines the Plan’s valuation policies utilizing information provided by the investment advisors and custodian. See Note 3 for discussion of fair value measurements.

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Purchases and sales are recorded on a trade-date basis. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Net appreciation includes the Plan's gains and losses on investments bought and sold as well as held during the year.

Benefit Payments
Benefits are recorded when paid.

Notes Receivable from Participants
Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Related fees are recorded as administrative expenses and are expensed when they are incurred. No allowance for credit losses has been recorded as of December 31, 2017 or 2016. If a participant ceases to make note repayments and the Plan administrator deems the participant note to be in default, the participant note balance is reduced and a benefit payment is recorded.

Administrative Expenses
The Plan's expenses are paid either by the Plan or the Company, as provided by the Plan document. Expenses paid by the Company are excluded from these financial statements. Certain expenses incurred in connection with the general administration of the Plan that are paid by the Plan are recorded as deductions in the accompanying statements of changes in net assets available for benefits. Fees related to the administration of notes receivable from participants and benefit payments are charged directly to the participant's account and are included in administrative expense.

Subsequent Events
The Plan Administrator has evaluated other events and transactions occurring after the date of the statement of net assets through the date that the financial statements were issued, and noted no other events that were subject to recognition or disclosure.

NOTE 3. FAIR VALUE OF INVESTMENTS
The framework for measuring fair value provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are described as follows:

Level 1: Inputs to the valuation methodology are unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the Plan has the ability to access.

Level 2: Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly, such as:

- quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets;
- quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets;
- inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability;
- inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means.

If the asset or liability has a specified (contractual) term, the Level 2 input must be observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.

Level 3: Inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair market value measurement.

The asset's or liability’s fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Valuation techniques maximize the use of relevant observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

Following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the valuation methodologies used at December 31, 2017 and 2016.

Mutual Funds: Valued at the daily closing price as reported by the fund. Mutual funds held by the Plan are open-end mutual funds that are registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission. These funds are required to publish their daily net asset value (NAV) and to transact at that price. The mutual funds held by the Plan are deemed to be actively traded.
Collective Fund: Valued at the net asset value (NAV) of units of a bank collective trust. NAV is a readily-determinable fair value and is the basis for current transactions. Participant transactions (purchases and sales) may occur daily. If the Plan initiates a full

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redemption of the collective trust, the issuer reserves the right to temporarily delay withdrawal from the trust in order to ensure that securities liquidations will be carried out in an orderly business manner.

Common Stock: Valued at the closing price reported on the active market on which the individual securities are traded.

Avista Corporation Company Stock Fund: The Avista Corporation Company Stock Fund includes shares of Avista Corporation and cash, and is reported based on unitized value.

Self-Directed Securities: Self-Directed Securities consist of mutual funds and common stocks and are invested at the direction of the participant.

The following tables set forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets at fair value as of December 31:

	2017			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Common Stock	$36,286,916	$—	$ —	$36,286,916
Self-Directed Securities	5,600,371	—	—	5,600,371
Mutual Funds	445,482,449	—	—	445,482,449
Collective Trust	—	46,904,886	—	46,904,886
Total Investments at Fair Value	$487,369,736	$46,904,886	$ —	$534,274,622

	2016			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Common Stock	$38,093,301	$—	$ —	$38,093,301
Self-Directed Securities	5,486,347	—	—	5,486,347
Mutual Funds	357,764,920	—	—	357,764,920
Collective Trust	—	52,066,254	—	52,066,254
Total Investments at Fair Value	$401,344,568	$52,066,254	$ —	$453,410,822

NOTE 4. INVESTMENTS

Plan investments in the Avista Corporation Company Stock Fund represented 6.69% and 8.27% of total Plan assets at December 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively. For the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, on these investments the Plan experienced net appreciation in fair value of approximately $10,580,000 and $4,820,000, respectively.

NOTE 5. RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The Plan invests in various investment securities. Investment securities are exposed to various risks such as interest rate, market, and credit risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values of the investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the statements of net assets available for benefits.

NOTE 6. PLAN TERMINATION

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Company has the right under the Plan to discontinue contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event of Plan termination, the participants would remain 100% vested in their Company contributions.

NOTE 7. PLAN TAX STATUS

The Plan is placing reliance on an opinion letter dated May 12, 2017, received from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) indicating that the Plan is qualified under Section 401 of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) and is therefore not subject to tax under current income tax law. The Plan administrator believes that the Plan is designed and is currently

being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require Plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability (or asset) if the Plan has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be

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sustained upon examination by the IRS. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress.

NOTE 8. PARTY-IN-INTEREST TRANSACTIONS

The Plan investments are managed by Vanguard Fiduciary Trust Company (Vanguard). Vanguard is the trustee as defined by the Plan, and therefore, the investment transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions. SageView is the investment advisor for the Plan, and fees paid for investment advisory services qualify as party-in-interest transactions. These party-in-interest transactions are exempt from the prohibited transaction rules of ERISA. Fees incurred by the Plan for investment management services and investment advisory services are included in administrative expenses. Certain other expenses of the Plan for recordkeeping, legal and accounting fees are included in administrative expenses. Expenses paid by the Company are not included in the statements of changes in net assets available for benefits.

NOTE 9. EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN (ESOP)

Effective January 1, 2006, the Avista Corporation Company Stock Fund was designated an ESOP. Employer and employee contributions into Avista Corporation stock are classified as ESOP contributions.

NOTE 10. PENDING ACQUISITION BY HYDRO ONE

On July 19, 2017, Avista Corporation entered into a Merger Agreement, by and among Hydro One, Olympus Holding Corp., a wholly owned subsidiary of Hydro One (US parent), and Olympus Corp., a wholly owned subsidiary of US parent (Merger Sub). Subject to the terms and conditions of the Merger Agreement, Merger Sub will be merged with and into Avista Corporation, with Avista Corporation surviving as an indirect, wholly-owned subsidiary of Hydro One. Hydro One, based in Toronto, is Ontario’s largest electricity transmission and distribution provider.

At the effective time of the acquisition, each share of Avista Corporation common stock issued and outstanding, other than shares of Avista Corporation common stock that are owned by Hydro One, US Parent (as defined in the Merger Agreement) or Merger Sub or any of their respective subsidiaries, will be converted automatically into the right to receive an amount in cash equal to $53, without interest.

Closing Conditions, Required Approvals

Consummation of the acquisition is subject to the satisfaction or waiver, if permissible under applicable law, of specified closing conditions, including, but not limited to, (i) the approval of the acquisition by the holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of Avista Corporation Common Stock, (ii) the receipt of regulatory approvals required to consummate the acquisition, including approval from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States, the Federal Communications Commission, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission, Idaho Public Utilities Commission, Public Service Commission of the State of Montana, Oregon Public Utilities Commission, and the Regulatory Commission of Alaska, and (iii) meeting the requirements of the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976 (HSR Act), as amended. Under the HSR Act and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, the acquisition may not be completed until notification and report forms have been filed with the U.S. Department of Justice and the Federal Trade Commission and the applicable waiting period has expired or been terminated.

The transaction is expected to close in the second half of 2018 subject to the referenced approvals and the satisfaction or waiver of other specified conditions.

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INVESTMENT AND EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN
OF AVISTA CORPORATION
E.I.N. 91-0462470 PLAN NO. 003
SCHEDULE H, LINE 4i -- SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)
DECEMBER 31, 2017

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(a)	(b) Identity of Issue	(c) Description of Investment	(d) Cost**	(e) Current Value
	Common Stock:			
*	Avista Corporation	Company Stock Fund		$36,286,916
	Self-Directed Securities:			
	VGI Brokerage Option	Vanguard Brokerage Option		5,600,371
	Mutual Funds:			
	American Funds EuroPacific Growth Class R-6	Registered Investment Company		8,827,014
	Baird Core Plus Bond Fund Instl Class	Registered Investment Company		87,661
	Dodge & Cox Intl Stock	Registered Investment Company		8,202,104
	T. Rowe Price Inst'l Large Cap Value Fd C	Registered Investment Company		14,922,875
	T. Rowe Price QM US Growth Equity Fd I	Registered Investment Company		2,689,458
*	Vanguard Federal Money Market Fd	Registered Investment Company		5,104,965
*	Vanguard Infla-Prot Securities	Registered Investment Company		4,511,525
*	Vanguard Institutional Index Fund	Registered Investment Company		88,994,352
*	Vanguard Institutional Target Ret 2015 Fd	Registered Investment Company		980,373
*	Vanguard Institutional Target Ret 2020 Fd	Registered Investment Company		5,683,676
*	Vanguard Institutional Target Ret 2025 Fd	Registered Investment Company		7,011,518
*	Vanguard Institutional Target Ret 2030 Fd	Registered Investment Company		2,085,043
*	Vanguard Institutional Target Ret 2035 Fd	Registered Investment Company		1,031,885
*	Vanguard Institutional Target Ret 2040 Fd	Registered Investment Company		1,351,273
*	Vanguard Institutional Target Ret 2045 Fd	Registered Investment Company		2,019,081
*	Vanguard Institutional Target Ret 2050 Fd	Registered Investment Company		1,681,076
*	Vanguard Institutional Target Ret 2055 Fd	Registered Investment Company		928,958
*	Vanguard Institutional Target Ret 2060 Fd	Registered Investment Company		289,436
*	Vanguard Institutional Target Ret 2065 Fd	Registered Investment Company		1,439
*	Vanguard Institutional Target Ret Income Fd	Registered Investment Company		786,589
*	Vanguard Mid-Cap Index Fd Inv	Registered Investment Company		23,539,880
*	Vanguard PRIMECAP Fund Adm	Registered Investment Company		27,720,793
*	Vanguard Sm-Cap Growth Index	Registered Investment Company		27,077,924
*	Vanguard Sm-Cap Value Index	Registered Investment Company		10,143,743
*	Vanguard Total Bd Mkt Indx Inv	Registered Investment Company		46,997,959
*	Vanguard Total Int'l Stock Idx	Registered Investment Company		50,853,734
*	Vanguard Wellington Fund	Registered Investment Company		98,900,375
	Victory Integrity Small-Cap Value Fund R6	Registered Investment Company		3,057,740
		Total Mutual Funds		445,482,449
	Collective Trust:			
*	Vanguard Retirement Savings Trust III	Collective Trust		46,904,886
*	Participant Loans-Interest Rates 4.25% - 6% Maturing 2017-2027	Loan Fund	--	6,589,057
				$540,863,679

* Designates party-in-interest.

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** Cost omitted for participant-directed investments.

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SIGNATURES

The Plan. Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the trustees (or other persons who administer the employee benefit plan) have duly caused this annual report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

THE INVESTMENT AND EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN FOR EMPLOYEES OF AVISTA CORPORATION

By: /s/ Mark T. Thies
Name: Mark T. Thies
Title: Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, and Treasurer (Principal Financial Officer)

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EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit 23. Independent Auditors' Consent of CliftonLarsonAllen LLP

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