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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington D.C. 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT**

**PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF  
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): October 26, 2010**

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**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)

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:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Section 5 – Corporate Governance and Management**

**Item 5.02(b) Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangement of Certain Officers.**

On October 26, 2010, Brian W. Dunham provided notification to Avista Corporation (Avista Corp.) of his resignation from Avista Corp.'s board of directors.

**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: October 27, 2010

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