

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13G

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

AVISTA CORPORATION
(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, no Par Value
(Title of Class of Securities)

05379B107
(CUSIP Number)

January 13, 2000
(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this schedule is filed:

/ Rule 13d-1(b)
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 / Rule 13d-1(d)

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CUSIP No.: 05379B107

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

Cascade Investment L.L.C.

S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP

(a) []
(b) []

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

State of Washington

5 SOLE VOTING POWER

-0-

NUMBER OF SHARES
BENEFICIALLY
OWNED BY
EACH
REPORTING
PERSON
WITH

6 SHARED VOTING POWER

1,787,500

7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

-0-

8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

1,787,500

9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

1,787,500

10 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN
SHARES []

11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

5.01%

12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

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CUSIP No.: 05379B107

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

William H. Gates III

S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP

(a) []
(b) []

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

United States of America

5 SOLE VOTING POWER

-0-

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SHARES []

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5.01%

12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

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- Item 1.
- (a) NAME OF ISSUER: Avista Corporation (the "Issuer")
 - (b) ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES OF THE ISSUER:
1411 East Mission Avenue, Spokane, Washington, 99202.
- Item 2.
- (a) NAME OF PERSONS FILING:
 - (1) Cascade Investment LLC, a limited liability company organized under the laws of the State of Washington.
 - (2) William H. Gates III.
 - (b) ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL BUSINESS OFFICE:
 - (1) 2365 Carillon Point, Kirkland, Washington 98033.
 - (2) One Microsoft Way, Redmond, WA 98052.
 - (c) CITIZENSHIP:
 - (1) Cascade Investment LLC is a limited liability company organized under the laws of the State of Washington.
 - (2) William H. Gates III is a citizen of the United States of America.
 - (d) TITLE OF CLASS OF SECURITIES: Common Stock, no Par Value.
 - (e) CUSIP Number: 05379B107
- Item 3. Not Applicable.
- Item 4. OWNERSHIP.
- (a) AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED: 1,787,500
 - (b) PERCENT OF CLASS: 5.01%.
 - (c) NUMBER OF SHARES AS TO WHICH THE PERSON HAS:
 - (i) Sole power to vote or to direct the vote -0-.
 - (ii) Shared power to vote or to direct the vote 1,787,500.*
 - (iii) Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of -0-.
 - (iv) Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of 1,787,500.*
- * All shares may be deemed to be beneficially owned by William H. Gates III as the sole member of Cascade Investment LLC.
- Item 5. OWNERSHIP OF FIVE PERCENT OR LESS OF A CLASS: Not Applicable.
- Item 6. OWNERSHIP OF MORE THAN FIVE PERCENT ON BEHALF OF ANOTHER PERSON: Not Applicable.
- Item 7. IDENTIFICATION AND CLASSIFICATION OF THE SUBSIDIARY WHICH ACQUIRED THE SECURITY BEING REPORTED ON BY THE PARENT HOLDING COMPANY: Not Applicable.
- Item 8. IDENTIFICATION AND CLASSIFICATION OF MEMBERS OF THE GROUP: Not Applicable.
- Item 9. NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF A GROUP: Not Applicable.

Item 10. CERTIFICATION:

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect.

SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

January 19, 2000

Date

Cascade Investment L.L.C.

By /s/ Michael Larson

Michael Larson, Manager

William H. Gates III

By /s/ William H. Gates III by Michael Larson

Michael Larson

as Manager of Cascade Investment LLC and on behalf of William H. Gates III. Duly authorized under power of attorney dated March 31, 1999, by and on behalf of William H. Gates III, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 19, 1999, SEC File Number 005-52635.

JOINT FILING AGREEMENT

We, the signatories of the statement to which this Joint Filing Agreement is attached, hereby agree that such statement is filed, and any amendments thereto filed by either or both of us will be filed, on behalf of each of us.

DATED: January 19, 2000.

CASCADE INVESTMENT L.L.C.

By: /s/ Michael Larson

Michael Larson, Manager

WILLIAM H. GATES III

By /s/ William H. Gates III by Michael Larson
as attorney-in-fact

Michael Larson*

*Duly authorized under power of attorney dated March 31, 1999, by and on behalf of William H. Gates III, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 19, 1999, SEC File Number 005-52635.