

AVISTA CORP  
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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 14A INFORMATION

Proxy Statement Pursuant to Section 14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

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(as permitted by Rule 14a-6(e)(2))

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AVISTA CORPORATION

(Name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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**Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the  
Shareholder Meeting to Be Held on May 12, 2016**

**AVISTA CORP.**

**Meeting Information**

**Meeting Type:** Annual Meeting  
**For holders as of:** March 11, 2016  
**Date:** May 12, 2016      **Time:** 8:15 AM  
PDT  
**Location:** Avista Main Office Building  
  
1411 E. Mission Avenue  
  
Spokane, WA 99202

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This is not a ballot. You cannot use this notice to vote these shares. This communication presents only an overview of the more complete proxy materials that are available to you on the Internet. You may view the proxy materials online at [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com) or easily request a paper copy (see reverse side).

We encourage you to access and review all of the important information contained in the proxy materials before voting.

**See the reverse side of this notice to obtain proxy materials and voting instructions.**

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**Before You Vote**

How to Access the Proxy Materials

**Proxy Materials Available to VIEW or RECEIVE:**

1. Notice & Proxy Statement
2. Annual Report

**How to View Online:**

Have the information that is printed in the box marked by the arrow (located on the following page) and visit: [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com).

**How to Request and Receive a PAPER or E-MAIL Copy:**

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Requests, instructions and other inquiries sent to this e-mail address will NOT be forwarded to your investment advisor. Please make the request as instructed above on or before April 28, 2016 to facilitate timely delivery.

**How To Vote**

Please Choose One of the Following Voting Methods

**Vote In Person:** Many shareholder meetings have attendance requirements including, but not limited to, the possession of an attendance ticket issued by the entity holding the meeting. Please check the meeting materials for any special requirements for meeting attendance. At the meeting, you will need to request a ballot to vote these shares.

**Vote By Internet:** To vote now by Internet, go to *www.proxyvote.com*. Have the information that is printed in the box marked by the arrow available and follow the instructions.

**Vote By Mail:** You can vote by mail by requesting a paper copy of the materials, which will include a proxy card.

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**Voting items**

**The Board of Directors  
recommends a vote FOR each  
Nominee:**

**1. Election of Directors**

**Nominees**

1a Erik J. Anderson

1b Kristianne Blake

1c Donald C. Burke

1d John F. Kelly

1e Rebecca A. Klein

1f Scott L. Morris

1g Marc F. Racicot

1h Heidi B. Stanley

1i R. John Taylor

1j Janet D. Widmann

**3.** Ratification of the appointment of Deloitte & Touche LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for 2016.

**4.** Advisory (non-binding) vote on executive compensation.

**The Board of Directors  
recommends a vote AGAINST  
item 5:**

**5.** If presented, consideration of a shareholder proposal to request the Board to take the steps necessary to amend the Articles and Bylaws to reduce certain shareholder approval requirements.

**NOTE:** The proxies will have discretionary authority to transact such other business as may come before the meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof.

**The Board of Directors  
recommends a vote FOR items 2, 3  
and 4:**

**2.** Amendment of the Company's Restated Articles of Incorporation to reduce certain shareholder approval requirements.



