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1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement AVISTA CORP [AVA] A Storro Richard L (Month/Day/Year) 01/01/2009 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 1411 E. MISSION AVENUE (Check all applicable) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) 10% Owner Director _X_ Form filed by One Reporting _X__ Officer Other Person SPOKANE, WAÂ 99202 (give title below) (specify below) Form filed by More than One Vice President Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 2. Amount of Securities 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) D Â Common Stock 1,898 Â Common Stock - Restricted Shares (1) 993 D Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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1. Title of Derivative Security 2. Date Exercisable and 3. Title and Amount of 6. Nature of Indirect (Instr. 4) **Expiration Date** Securities Underlying Conversion Ownership Beneficial Ownership (Month/Day/Year) **Derivative Security** or Exercise Form of (Instr. 5) (Instr. 4) Price of Derivative Derivative Security:

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
2006 Performance Share Grant	(2)	(2)	Common Stock	370	\$ (3)	D	Â
2007 Performance Share Grant	(2)	(2)	Common Stock	900	\$ (3)	D	Â
2008 Performance Share Grant	(2)	(2)	Common Stock	3,100	\$ (3)	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
1 0	Director 10% Owner Officer		Officer	Other		
Storro Richard L 1411 E. MISSION AVENUE SPOKANE, WA 99202	Â	Â	Vice President	Â		

Signatures

/s/ Richard L.
Storro

_**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Restricted shares vest one-third each year over a three-year period and are payable in Avista Corp. Common Stock at the end of each year in the three-year period. Mr. Storro received restricted stock in 2006, 2007, and 2008; 993 shares are currently unvested.
- (2) Each performance cycle is three years in length. Shares are issued at the end of each three-year cycle if performance measure is met.
- (3) No conversion price shares are awarded if performance measure is met.

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