

Thoren Diane C  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Thoren Diane C

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
1411 E. MISSION AVENUE  
(Street)

SPOKANE, WA 99202

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
AVISTA CORP [AVA]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
02/11/2010

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_X\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Treasurer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price
Common Stock - Restricted Shares	02/11/2010		A		400	A	11 2,094
Common Stock held in 401(k) Plan						I	4,153 by Trustee
Common Stock held in Executive Deferral Plan						I	946 by Trustee
						I	37 by Grandson

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Common Stock held by Grandson, Zachary Brown							
Common Stock held by Niece, Meagan Cuthill			57		I		by Niece
Common Stock held by Niece, Katherine Cuthill			37		I		by Niece
Common Stock held by Niece, McIntyre Cuthill			12		I		by Niece
Common Stock held by Granddaughter, McKenzie Brown			22		I		by Granddaughter
Common Stock held by Grandson, Colton Materne			14		I		by Grandson
Common Stock held by Granddaughter, Avery Materne			7		I		by Granddaughter

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. D S (I)
				Code	V (A) (D)		Title	

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						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date		Amount or Number of Shares
Performance Shares	(2)	02/11/2010	A	1,800		(3)	(3)	Common Stock	1,800

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Thoren Diane C 1411 E. MISSION AVENUE SPOKANE, WA 99202			Treasurer	

## Signatures

/s/ Diane C.  
Thoren

02/16/2010

\*\*Signature of  
Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(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.
- (2) No conversion price. Shares awarded if performance measure is met.
- (3) Each performance cycle is three years in length. Shares will be at the end of each three-year cycle if performance measure is met.

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