MEYER DAVID J Form 4

March 15, 2012

## FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * MEYER DAVID J			2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol AVISTA CORP [AVA]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
(Last)				(Check all applicable)			
(,		( "" ",	(Month/Day/Year)	Director 10% Owner			
1411 E MISSION AVE			03/14/2012	_X_ Officer (give titleOther (specify below)			
				Vice President			
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line)			
SPOKANE, WA 99202				_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
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(City)	(State) (Z	Zip) Table	I - Non-Do	erivative S	Securi	ties Acquire	ed, Disposed of, o	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. 4. Securities Acquire Transactioner Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)  (A) or			(D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount	(D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	03/14/2012		M(1)	1,500	A	\$ 10.17	4,992	D	
Common Stock	03/14/2012		S <u>(1)</u>	1,500	D	\$ 25.5747	3,492	D	
Common Stock	03/15/2012		M(1)	763	A	\$ 10.17	4,255	D	
Common Stock	03/15/2012		S(1)	763	D	\$ 24.99	3,492	D	
Common Stock	03/14/2012		S	300	D	\$ 25.575	3,192	D	

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Common Stock held in 401(k) Investment Plan	3,635	I	by Trustee
Common Stock held in Executive Deferral Account	7,588	I	by Trustee
Common Stock held in IRA at DA Davidson	1,142	I	by Trustee

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number conf Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	f Derivative Expiration Date ecurities (Month/Day/Youngle) (A) or bisposed of D)  nstr. 3, 4,		ate Underlying S		8. I De: Sec (In
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Exericse of Stock Option	\$ 10.17	03/14/2012		M	1,500	(2)	11/07/2012	Common Stock	1,500	25
Exercise of Stock Option	\$ 10.17	03/15/2012		M	763	(2)	11/07/2012	Common Stock	763	\$

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## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

MEYER DAVID J 1411 E MISSION AVE

Vice President

SPOKANE, WA 99202

## **Signatures**

/s/ David J Meyer 03/15/2012

\*\*Signature of Date
Reporting Person

## **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) Exercise and Sale of Stock Option Grant expiring 11/7/2012
- (2) Option vest in four (4) equal installments the first anniversary date of grant. Mr. Meyer acquired the option grant of 26,250 11/7/2002
- (3) Total reflects the number of derivative securities remaining for the this particular grant.

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