

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>MEYER DAVID J</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>1411 E MISSION AVE</u>  (Street) <u>SPOKANE WA 99202</u>  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>AVISTA CORP [ AVA ]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>Vice President</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>03/14/2012</u>	
	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> 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	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	03/14/2012		M <sup>(1)</sup>		87	A	\$10.17	3,279	D	
Common Stock	03/14/2012		S <sup>(1)</sup>		74 <sup>(4)</sup>	D	\$25.25	3,205	D	
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

**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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						Amount or Number of Shares
Exercise of Stock Option	\$10.17	03/14/2012		M		87 <sup>(4)</sup>		(2)	11/07/2012	Common Stock	87	\$25.25	2,000 <sup>(3)</sup>	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

- Exercise and Sale of Stock Option Grant expiring 11/7/2012
- Option vest in four equal installments the first anniversary date of grant. Mr. Meyer acquired the grant option of 26,250 11/7/2002.
- Total reflects the number of derivative securities remaining for the particular grant.
- Mr. Meyer exercised 87 share of his Stock Option Grant as a cashless sale to a net of 74 shares in order to fulfill his 300 share stock sale transaction on 3/14/2012.

/s/ David J Meyer

03/16/2012

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

\* 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).

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