FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person $^\star$ $\overline{KELLY\ JOHN\ F}$						2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol AVISTA CORP [ AVA ]								(Chec	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s Check all applicable) X Director 1			ssuer Owner	
(Last) (First) (Middle) 1411 E MISSION AVE							3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/05/2008								Offic below	er (give title w)	Other below	(specify	
(Street) SPOKANE WA 99202 (City) (State) (Zip)					4. If	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									Forn Forn	idual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable  Form filed by One Reporting Person  Form filed by More than One Reporting  Person			
		Tabl	e I - No	n-Deriv	ative	Sec	uritie	s Ac	quired	l, Dis	sposed o	f, or E	Bene	icially	Owne	ed			
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transacti Date (Month/Day)						Execution Date,			3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)  4. Securities Acquired (A) Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4				Secur Benef	icially d Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
									Code	v	Amount	mount (A) or Pri		ice	Trans	action(s) 3 and 4)		(111301.4)	
Common Stock 05/05/20							008		A <sup>(1)</sup>		2,119 <sup>(2)</sup>	A	\$	20.76 <sup>(1)</sup>	1	17,238	D		
		Та	ble II -								osed of, convertib				wned				
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	nversion Exercise (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) ivative surity			saction e (Instr. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)  Date Exercisable Expiration Date			7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4)  Amoun or Numbe of Title Shares		Der Sec (Ins	rice of ivative urity tr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. Shares issued under the Long-Term Incentive Plan as an award of stock for director compensation. The price per share (per the LTIP) is the closing price on May 1, 2008.
- 2. Shares issued as part of Mr. Kelly's director retainer.

<u>/s/ John F. Kelly</u> <u>05/07/2008</u>

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

- $^{\star}$  If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).
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