

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Thoren Diane C</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) 1411 E. MISSION AVENUE  (Street) SPOKANE WA 99202  (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 Officer (give title below) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X Other (specify below) <b>Treasurer</b>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/21/2012	
	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	02/21/2012		M <sup>(1)</sup>		1,025	A	\$10.17	5,688	D	
Common Stock	02/21/2012		S <sup>(1)</sup>		1,025	D	\$25.53	4,663	D	
Common Stock held in 401(k) Investment Plan								4,551	I	held by Trustee
Common Stock held in Executive Deferral Account								975	I	held by Trustee
Common Stock held by Grandson, Zachary Brown								39	I	held by Grandson
Common Stock held by Niece, Katherine Cuthill								39	I	held by Niece
Common Stock held by Niece, McIntyre Cuthill								13	I	held by Niece
Common Stock held by Granddaughter, McKenzie Brown								24	I	held by Granddaughter
Common Stock held by Grandson, Colton Materne								14	I	held by Grandson
Common Stock held by Granddaughter, Avery Materne								7	I	held by Granddaughter

**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						Title
Exercise of Option	\$10.17	02/21/2012		M			1,025	(2)	11/07/2012	Common Stock	1,025	\$25.53	0 <sup>(3)</sup>	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

- Exercise of Sale of Option Grant expiring 11/07/2012
- Options vest in four (4) equal installments beginning the first anniversary date of the grant. Ms. Thoren acquired the option grant of 2,700 11/07/2002.
- Total reflects the number for derivative securities remaining for this particular grant. Ms. Thoren no longer holds any AVA Stock Option Grants.

/s/ Diane C. Thoren

02/23/2012

\*\* 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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