

**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Krasselt Ryan L</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>1411 E MISSION AVENUE</u>  (Street) <u>SPOKANE WA 99202</u>  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) <u>10/01/2015</u>	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>AVISTA CORP [ AVA ]</u>	
		4. 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>VP Controll/Princ Acct Officer</u>	5. 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 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	709	D	
Common Stock - Restricted Shares <sup>(1)</sup>	452	D	

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

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			
2013 Performance Share Grant	(2)	(2)	Common Stock	800	(3)	D	
2014 Performance Share Grant	(2)	(2)	Common Stock	750	(3)	D	
2015 Performance Share Grant	(2)	(2)	Common Stock	660	(3)	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

- Restricted Shares vest 1/3 each year over a 3-year period and are payable in Avista Corp. Common Stock at the end of each year in the 3-year period.
- Each performance share cycle is 3 years in length. Shares are issued at the end of each 3-year cycle IF performance measure is met.
- No conversion price. Shares are awarded if performance measure is met.

/s/Ryan L. Krasselt 10/05/2015

\*\* 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 5 (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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