

FORM 3**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE
COMMISSION**

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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES****OMB APPROVAL**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * <u>Ehrbar Patrick D</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>1411 E MISSION AVE</u> (Street) <u>SPOKANE WA 99202</u> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) <u>10/01/2026</u>	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>AVISTA CORP [AVA]</u> Foreign Trading Symbol	
		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner ☒ Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>Vice President</u>	5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) ☒ 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	5,231.0167	D	
Estimated Shares held in 401(k)	1,684.91	I	Shares held in 401(k) Plan

**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			

Explanation of Responses:/s/Patrick D. Ehrbar10/01/2026

** 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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