

Thackston Jason R
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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 Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section
 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Thackston Jason R (Last) (First) (Middle) 1411 E MISSION AVENUE (Street) SPOKANE, WA 99202 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 06/12/2009	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol AVISTA CORP [AVA]	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below) (specify below) Vice President	5. If Amendment, Date 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
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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	547	D	^

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. SEC 1473 (7-02)

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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 of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of			

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				Shares		(I) (Instr. 5)	
2007 Performance Share Grant	Â (1)	Â (1)	Common Stock	370	\$ (2)	D	Â
2008 Performance Share Grant	Â (1)	Â (1)	Common Stock	800	\$ (2)	D	Â
2009 Performance Share Grant	Â (1)	Â (1)	Common Stock	800	\$ (2)	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Thackston Jason R 1411 E MISSION AVENUE SPOKANE, WA 99202	Â	Â	Â Vice President	Â

Signatures

/s/ Jason R.
Thackston

06/19/2009

__Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

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- * 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).
- (1) Each performance cycle is three years in length. Shares will be issued at the end of each three-year cycle if performance is met.
 - (2) No conversion price. Shares awarded if performance measure is met.

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