

MEYER DAVID J  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
MEYER DAVID J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
AVISTA CORP [AVA]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
1411 E MISSION AVE  
  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
03/09/2012

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Vice President

SPOKANE, WA 99202

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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(City) (State) (Zip)

**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	03/09/2012		M <sup>(1)</sup>	1,000 A \$ 10.17	4,892	D	
Common Stock	03/09/2012		S <sup>(1)</sup>	1,000 D \$ 25.508	3,892	D	
Common Stock	03/12/2012		M <sup>(1)</sup>	500 A \$ 10.17	4,392	D	
Common Stock	03/12/2012		S <sup>(1)</sup>	500 D \$ 25.54	3,892	D	
Common Stock	03/09/2012		S	400 D \$ 25.54	3,492	D	

Common Stock held in 401(k) Investment Plan	3,635	I	by Trustee
Common Stock held in Executive Deferral Account	7,588	I	by Trustee
Common Stock held in IRA at DA Davidson	1,142	I	by Trustee

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

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**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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. I. De. Sec. (In	
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
						Code	V	(A)	(D)
Exercise of Stock Option	\$ 10.17	03/09/2012		M	1,000	(2)	11/07/2012	Common Stock	1,000 \$
Exercise of Stock Option	\$ 10.17	03/12/2012		M	500	(2)	11/07/2012	Common Stock	500 \$

## Reporting Owners

<b>Reporting Owner Name / Address</b>	<b>Relationships</b>
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Director    10% Owner    Officer    Other

MEYER DAVID J  
1411 E MISSION AVE  
SPOKANE, WA 99202

Vice President

## Signatures

/s/ David J  
Meyer

03/13/2012

\*\*Signature of  
Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* 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).
- (1) Exercise and Sale of Option Grant expiring 11/7/2012
- (2) Options vest in four (4) equal installments the first anniversary date of grant. Mr. Meyer acquired the option grant of 26,250 11/7/2002.
- (3) Total reflects the number of derivative securities remaining for this particular grant.

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