FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* DURKIN MARIAN M | | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol AVISTA CORP [AVA] | | | | | | | | | ck all applic Director | able) | g Pers | on(s) to Issu 10% Ow Other (s | ner |
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| (Last) 1411 E. M | (Firs | st) (t /ENUE (MSC-1 | Middle) 2) | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/15/2008 | | | | | | | | | | below) | | Cour | below) | |
| (Street) SPOKAN (City) | E WA | | 9202 Zip) | | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | | Line) | ndividual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable e) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | |
| | | Tab | e I - Non- | Derivat | ive S | Secu | rities | Acq | uired, I | Disp | osed of | f, or Be | ne | ficially | Owned | | | | |
| Dat | | | | Date (Month/Day/Year) i | | Exe) if ar | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | 4. Securities Acquired (A) Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 5) | | | Securitie Beneficia Owned F | . Amount of ecurities eneficially wned Following eported | | : Direct Indirect Istr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| | | | | | | | | | Code | v | Amount | (A) (D) | or | Price | Transacti (Instr. 3 a | on(s) | | | ,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,, |
| Common S | Common Stock - Restricted Shares 02 | | | | 15/2008 | | | | A | | 3,600 | A | | (1) | 15,981 | | | D | |
| | | Т | able II - D (e | | | | | | | | sed of, onvertib | | | | Owned | | | | |
| 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/Yea | ate, Tra | Transactio Code (Inst | | n of | | 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) | e S Illy | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| | | | | Co | ode V | , (| (A) | (D) | Date Exercisal: | | Expiration Date | Title | O N O | lumber | | | | | |
| Performance Shares | (2) | 02/15/2008 | | I | A | 1 | 12,500 | | (3) | | (3) | Commo | 1 1 | 2,500 | \$21.54 | 12,500 | 0 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Restricted shares vest one-third each year over a three-year period and are payable in Avista Corp. Common stock at the end of each year in the three-year period.
- 2. No conversion price. Shares awarded if performance measure is met.
- 3. Each performance cycle is three years in length. Shares will be issued at the end of each three-year cycle if performance measure is met.

/s/ Marian M. Durkin

02/19/2008

** 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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