### FORM 4

# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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	-		or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940							
1. Name and Add ANDERSO		Person*	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol AVISTA CORP [ AVA ]	Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)						
ANDERSO	IN EKIK J			X Director 10% Owner						
(Last) 1411 E MISSI	(First) ON AVE	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/20/2008	Officer (give title Other (specify below) below)						
			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable						
(Street) SPOKANE	WA	99202		Line)  X Form filed by One Reporting Person  Form filed by More than One Reporting						
(City)	(State)	(Zip)		Person						

#### Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transaction 2A. Deemed 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature Transaction Execution Date. Securities Form: Direct of Indirect Code (Instr. 8) (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) (Month/Day/Year) 5) Beneficially Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) Owned Following Ownership Reported (Instr. 4) (A) or (D) Code Amount Price (Instr. 3 and 4) Common Stock 08/20/2008 M 3,000 Α \$20.11 14,997 D \$23.25 Common Stock 08/20/2008 S 3,000 D 11,997 D M 3,000 A \$15.88 14,997 08/20/2008 D Common Stock \$23.25 Common Stock 08/20/2008 S 3,000 D 11,997 D Common Stock 08/20/2008 3,000 A \$12.41 14,997 D M Common Stock 08/20/2008 3,000 D \$23.25 11.997 D

# Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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Derivative Conversion Da		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 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)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Exercise of Stock Option	\$20.11	08/20/2008		М			3,000	(1)	05/10/2011	Common Stock	3,000	\$23.25	0 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	
Exercise of Stock Option	\$15.88	08/20/2008		М			3,000	(3)	05/09/2012	Common Stock	3,000	\$23.25	0(2)	D	
Exercise of Stock Option	\$12.41	08/20/2008		M			3,000	(4)	05/08/2013	Common Stock	3,000	\$23.25	0 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- $1.\ Options\ vest\ in\ four\ equal\ annual\ installments\ beginning\ on\ the\ first\ anniversary\ of\ the\ grant\ date.\ 3,000\ options\ were\ granted\ on\ 05/10/2001.$
- 2. Total reflects the number of derivative securities remaining under this particular option grant.
- 3. Options vest in four equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date. 3,000 options were granted on 05/09/2002.
- 4. Options vest in four equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date. 3,000 options were granted on 05/08/2003.

/s/ Erik J. Anderson

08/21/2008

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

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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