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## FORM 4

# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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| obligations may continue. See          |
| Instruction 1(b).                      |

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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|                        | Iress of Reporting                             | Person*         | 2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol<br>AVISTA CORP [ AVA ] |                   | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer<br>(Check all applicable) |                                  |  |  |  |  |
|------------------------|--|-----------------|---|-------------------|--|----------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| KENSOK J               | IAMES M  |                 |   |                   | Director   | 10% Owner                        |  |  |  |  |
| (Last)<br>1411 E MISSI | Last) (First) (Middle)<br>411 E MISSION AVENUE |                 | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)<br>06/02/2009            | X                 | Officer (give title<br>below)<br>Vice Presiden                             | Other (specify below)<br>t & CIO |  |  |  |  |
| (Street)               |  |                 | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)                  | 6. Indiv<br>Line) | <i>v</i> idual or Joint/Group Fili   | ng (Check Applicable             |  |  |  |  |
| SPOKANE                | WA   | 99202           |   | X                 | Form filed by One Re   | porting Person                   |  |  |  |  |
| (City)                 | (State)  | (Zip)           |   |                   | Form filed by More th<br>Person  | an One Reporting                 |  |  |  |  |
|                        |  | Table I - Non-D | Perivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Ber                       | neficially        | Owned  |                                  |  |  |  |  |

### Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | Transaction<br>Code (Instr. |   | 4. Securities<br>Disposed Of |               |           | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned Following<br>Reported | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--|---|-----------------------------|---|------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---|---|---|
|                                 |  |   | Code                        | v | Amount                       | (A) or<br>(D) | Price     | Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4)  |   | (11501 4)   |
| Common Stock                    | 06/02/2009                                 |   | S                           |   | 1,231                        | D             | \$16.1903 | 2,432   | D   |   |

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

| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transa<br>Code (<br>8) |   | of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed<br>of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4<br>and 5) |  | 6. Date Exerc<br>Expiration Da<br>(Month/Day/Y | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Securities<br>Underlying<br>Derivative<br>Security (Instr. 3<br>and 4) |       | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Number of<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 4) | 10.<br>Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |  |
|---|---|--|---|------------------------------|---|--|--|--|---|-------|---|--|--|--|--|
|   |   |  |   | Code                         | v |  |  | Date<br>Exercisable                            | Expiration<br>Date  | Title | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares              |  |  |  |  |

Explanation of Responses:

/s/ James M. Kensok

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

06/03/2009 Date

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

 $\ast$  If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

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