FORM 4

## **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*						2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol AVISTA CORP [ AVA ]								5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)						
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(Last) (First) (Middle)						Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)							X	Offic belov	er (give title w)		her (s low)	specify		
1411 E MISSION AVE							02/12/2007								Chairman & CEO					
(Street)					4. If	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)						
SPOKAN	VE W	VA 99202											X	Form filed by One Reporting Person						
(City) (State) (Zip)														Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				rting		
		Tabl	e I - No	on-Deriv	ative	Sec	uritie	s Ac	quirec	l, Di	sposed o	f, or E	Benefic	ially	Owne	ed				
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/						Execution Date,		3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)  4. Securities Acquired Disposed Of (D) (Instr					5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported		6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership			
									Code	v	Amount	(A) o (D)	Price		Trans	action(s) 3 and 4)			(Instr. 4)	
Common Stock - Restricted Shares 02/12/20							07		S		1,539(1)	D	\$25.	.5972	1.	43,624	D			
		Та	ble II -								osed of, convertib				vned					
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	Conversion   Date   Execution Date,   or Exercise   (Month/Day/Year)   if any			ransaction of Derivat Securit Acquire (A) or Dispos of (D) (Instr. 3 and 5)		vative irities ired r osed )	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)  Date Expiration Exercisable Date			7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4)  Amoun or Number of Title Shares		Deriv Secu (Inst		9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)	Owners Form: Direct ( or Indir (I) (Insti	hip      D)    ect	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			

## Explanation of Responses:

1. Shares sold to pay income taxes on restricted shares that vested on 2/8/2007.

<u>/s/ Gary G. Ely</u> <u>02/12/2007</u>

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Dat

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

- $^{\star}$  If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).
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