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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <b>MEYER DAVID J</b>  (Last) (First) (Middle) <b>1411 E MISSION AVE</b>  (Street) <b>SPOKANE WA 99202</b>  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <b>AVISTA CORP [ AVA ]</b>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)  <b>Vice President</b>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <b>02/17/2012</b>	
	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person  <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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	02/17/2012		M <sup>(1)</sup>		6,000	A	\$10.17	14,425	D	
Common Stock	02/17/2012		S <sup>(1)</sup>		6,000	D	\$25.6 <sup>(4)</sup>	8,425	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	held by Trustee

**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 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
Exercise of Stock Option	\$10.17	02/17/2012		M			6,000	(2)	11/07/2012	Common Stock	6,000	\$25.6 <sup>(4)</sup>	20,250 <sup>(3)</sup>	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

- Exercise of Sale of Option Grant expiring 11/07/2012.
- Options vest in four (4) equal installments beginning the first anniversary date of the grant. Mr. Meyer acquired the option grant of 26,250 11/07/2002.
- Total reflects that number of derivative securities remaining for this particular grant.
- The price per share represents the average price for four individual blocks sold on 2/17/2012 (\$25.61 per share for 1600 shares, \$25.62 per share for 1400 shares, \$25.58 per share for 2300 shares and 25.60 per share for 700 shares)

/s/ David J Meyer 02/21/2012

\*\* 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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