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*  TAYLOR R JOHN        |   |  |          |                              | 2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol AVISTA CORP [ AVA ] |   |        |   |   |  |                       |   | Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) |   |  |   |   |  |
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|  |   |  |          |                              |  |   |        |   |   |  |                       |   |  | X   | Direc  |   |   | Owner  |
| (Last) (First) (Middle)  |   |  |          |                              |  | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/14/2004 |        |   |   |  |                       |   |  |   | belo   | er (give title<br>w)  | Other (specify below)   |  |
|  |   |  |          |                              | _ 4. If  | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)    |        |   |   |  |                       |   |  | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) |  |   |   |  |
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|  |   | Tabl                                       | e I - N  | on-Deriv                     | /ative   | Sec   | uritie | s Ac                                    | quirec  | d, Dis   | sposed o              | f, or E   | Benef  | cially  | Owne   | ed  |   |  |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transacti Date (Month/Day) |   |  |          |                              |  | Execution Date,   |        | 3.<br>Transaction<br>Code (Instr.<br>8) |   | 4. Securities Acquired (A) of Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 a |                       |   | and 5) Secur<br>Benef  |   | icially<br>d Following                       | 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 (D) Price      |   | е  | Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4)                          |  |   | (111301.4)  |  |
| Common Stock 05/14/20  |   |  |          |                              |  | 004   |        | P                                       |   | 43(1)  | A                     | \$1   | 5.855  | 1   | 3,301  | D   |   |  |
| Common Stock 05/14/20  |   |  |          |                              | 2004   | )04   |        | Α                                       |   | 2,519  | 9 A \$15              |   | 5.8768   | 15,820  |  | D   |   |  |
|  |   | Та   | ble II - |                              |  |   |        |   |   |  | osed of,<br>convertib |   |  |   | wned   |   |   |  |
| 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) | if any   | med<br>on Date,<br>Day/Year) | Date, Transac<br>Code (Ir  |   |        |   | 6. Date Exerci<br>Expiration Da<br>(Month/Day/Y |  | ite                   | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Securities<br>Underlying<br>Derivative<br>Security (Instr.<br>and 4) |  | Der<br>Sec<br>(Ins  | rice of<br>ivative<br>urity<br>tr. 5)        | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4) | 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   | (A)    | (D)                                     | Date<br>Exercis                                 | sable  | Expiration<br>Date    | Title   | Amous<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares                                | er  |  |   |   |  |

## **Explanation of Responses:**

1. Shares purchased under dividend reinvestment plan.

/s/ R. John Taylor

05/18/2004

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

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