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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*<br><u>KENSOK JAMES M</u><br><br>(Last) (First) (Middle)<br><u>1411 E MISSION AVENUE</u><br><br>(Street)<br><u>SPOKANE WA 99202</u><br><br>(City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol<br><u>AVISTA CORP [ AVA ]</u> | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer<br>(Check all applicable)<br><br>Director 10% Owner<br>Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)<br><br>X <b>Vice President</b> |
|   | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)<br><u>02/03/2011</u>     |   |
| 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)  |   |   |

**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) |
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|                                  |                                      |  | Code                           | V | Amount  | (A) or (D) | Price |   |  |   |
| Common Stock - Restricted Shares | 02/03/2011                           |  | A                              |   | 1,300   | A          | (1)   | 7,685   | D  |   |

**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) |       |
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|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V | (A)  | (D) | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date |   |  |  |   |  | Title |
| Performance Shares                         | (2)  | 02/03/2011                           |  | A                              |   | 5,100  |     | (3)  | (3)             | Common Stock  | 5,100                                      | \$23.03  | 5,100   | D  |       |

**Explanation of Responses:**

1. Restricted shares vest one third each year over a three-year period and are payable in Avista Corp. Common Stock at the end of each year in the three-year period.
2. No conversion price. Shares awarded if performance measure is met.
3. Each performance cycle is three years in length. Shares will be issued at the end of each three-year cycle if performance measure is met.

/s/ James M. Kensok

02/07/2011

\*\* 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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