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* ANDERSON ERIK J						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol AVISTA CORP [ AVA ]								5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer Check all applicable)  X Director 10% Owne				
						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/17/2010									Offic belov	er (give title w)	Other below	(specify
(Street) SPOKANE WA 99202 (City) (State) (Zip)				4. If	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								6. Indiv Line) X	Forn Forn	ral or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
		Tabl	e I - No	on-Deriv	ative	Sec	uritie	s Ac	quired	l, Dis	sposed o	f, or E	enef	cially	Owne	ed		
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/						Execution Date,		Code (Instr.				cquired (A) or D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported		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		e	Transa	action(s) 3 and 4)		(111501. 4)
Common Stock 05/17/20						010		A <sup>(1)</sup>	V	477(2)	A	\$20.96(1)		1	3,106	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)	Conversion or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) Price of Derivative Security  Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		4. Transa Code ( 8)		5. Nu of Deriv Secu Acqu (A) or Dispo of (D) (Instrand 5	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)  Date Exercisable Expiration Date			7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4)  Amount or Numbe of Title Shares		Deri Sec (Ins:	rice of vative urity tr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transactions (Instr. 4)	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			

## Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Shares issued under the Long Term Incentive Plan (LTIP) as an award of stock for director compensation. The price per share (per LTIP) is the closing price on Friday, May 15, 2010.
- 2. Shares issues as part of Mr. Anderson's director retainer.

<u>/s/ Erik J. Anderson</u> <u>05/17/2010</u>

\*\* 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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