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* HOLLEY RICK R					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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				4. If	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable							
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## Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Shares issued under the Long Term Incentive Plan (LTIP) as an award of stock for director compensation utilizing "new issue" stock price. The price per share (per LTIP) is the closing price Friday, September 2, 2011.
- 2. Shares issued as part of Mr. Holley's director retainer.
- 3. Share total increased by 1,000 shares which were directly held prior to becoming board member as reported on Form 3 May 28, 2011

/s/ Rick R. Holley

09/07/2011

\*\* 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).
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