

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <b>BURMEISTER SMITH CHRISTY M</b>			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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <b>VP Controller &amp; Prin Acct Off.</b>		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <b>08/20/2008</b>			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
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(Street) <b>SPOKANE WA 99202</b>								
(City) (State) (Zip)								

**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	08/20/2008		M		3,700	A	\$18.63	16,036	D	
Common Stock	08/20/2008		S		3,700	D	\$23.3268	12,336	D	
Common Stock	08/20/2008		M		2,400	A	\$16.91	14,736	D	
Common Stock	08/20/2008		S		2,400	D	\$23.3367	12,336	D	
Common Stock	08/20/2008		M		10,000	A	\$17.31	22,336	D	
Common Stock	08/20/2008		S		10,000	D	\$23.1978	12,336	D	
Common Stock	08/20/2008		M		12,000	A	\$11.8	24,336	D	
Common Stock	08/20/2008		S		12,000	D	\$23.1936	12,336	D	
Common Stock	08/20/2008		M		4,500	A	\$10.17	16,836	D	
Common Stock	08/20/2008		S		4,500	D	\$23.1556	12,336	D	
Common Stock held in 401(k) Investment Plan								7,068	I	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	\$18.63	08/20/2008		M			3,700	(1)	11/12/2008	Common Stock	3,700	\$23.3268	0 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	
Exercise of Stock Option	\$16.91	08/20/2008		M			2,400	(3)	08/12/2009	Common Stock	2,400	\$23.3367	0 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	
Exercise of Stock Option	\$17.31	08/20/2008		M			10,000	(4)	11/11/2009	Common Stock	10,000	\$23.1978	0 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	
Exercise of Stock Option	\$11.8	08/20/2008		M			12,000	(5)	11/08/2011	Common Stock	12,000	\$23.1936	0 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	
Exercise of Stock Option	\$10.17	08/20/2008		M			4,500	(6)	11/07/2012	Common Stock	4,500	\$23.1556	4,500 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

- Options vest in four equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date. 3,700 options were granted on 11/12/1998.
- Total reflects the number of derivative securities remaining under this particular option grant.
- Options vest in four equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date. 2,400 options were granted on 08/12/1999.
- Options vest in four equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date. 10,000 options were granted on 11/11/1999.

5. Options vest in four equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date. 12,000 options were granted on 11/08/2001.

6. Options vest in four equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date. 9,000 options were granted on 11/07/2002.

/s/ Christy M. Burmeister-  
Smith

08/21/2008

\*\* 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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