## FORM 4

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## 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 ]								(Check all a			ng Person(s) to	Owner
(Last) 1411 E M	(First) (Middle) MISSION AVE					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/17/2010									Offic belo	er (give title w)	Othe belo	r (specify w)
(Street) SPOKAN (City)			99202 (Zip)		4. If	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								6. Indi Line) X	vidual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable  Form filed by One Reporting Person  Form filed by More than One Reporting  Person			
		Tabl	le I - No	on-Deriv	ative/	Sec	uritie	s Ac	quired	l, Dis	sposed o	f, or E	Benefi	cially	Own	ed		
I				2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) of Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4			and 5) Secui Bene		icially d Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
							Code	v	Amount	(A) c (D)	Pric	е	Trans	action(s) 3 and 4)		(3 4)		
common Stock 05/1					2010	2010					477(2)	A	\$20	\$20.96(1)		26,948	D	
Shares held in Deferral Account																5,496	I	by Trustee
Shares held by Profit Sharing Plan																4,000	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. Dee Executii if any (Month/		ction Instr.	5. Nu of Deriv Secu Acqu (A) or Dispo of (D) (Instrand 5	rities ired osed . 3, 4			ite	7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4)  Amoun or Numbe of		t r		9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)	Ownershi Form: Direct (D) or Indirec (I) (Instr. 4	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 issued as part of Mr. Taylor's directors retainer.

/s/ R. John Taylor

05/17/2010

\*\* 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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