SEC Form 4

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Add <u>Thackston</u>	Iress of Reporting J <u>ason R</u>	Person*	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>AVISTA CORP</u> [AVA]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner						
(Last) 1411 E MISSI	ast) (First) (Middle) 411 E MISSION AVENUE		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/07/2013	X below) below) VP Energy Resources						
(Street) SPOKANE (City)	WA (State)	99202 (Zip)	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person						
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1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)				4. Securities / Disposed Of (5)			Securities Beneficially	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	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		(1130.4)
Common Stock - Restricted Shares	02/07/2013		Α		1,300	Α	(1)	9,089	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)
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Performance Award for 2013	(2)	02/07/2013		А		5,100		(3)	(3)	Common Stock	5,100	\$26.04	5,100	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. Restricted Shares vest 1/3 each year over a 3-year period and are payable in Avista Corp. Common Stock at the end of each year in the 3-year period.

2. No conversion price. Shares awarded if performance measure is met.

3. Each performance cycle is 3 years in length. Shares will be issued at the end of each 3-year cycle if performance measure is met.

/s/Jason R. Thackston

02/11/2013

** Signature of Reporting Person

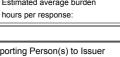
Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

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