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* MORRIS SCOTT L | | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol AVISTA CORP [AVA] | | | | | | | | (Check all ap | | olicable) | Person(s) to Issuer 10% Owner Other (specify | | |
|--|--|---------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------|----------------|---|-----|---|------|---------------------------|-----------------------|---|---------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| | | | | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/02/2016 | | | | | | | X | belov | N) . | below sident and C | v) | | |
| (Street) SPOKAN (City) | | | 09202 Zip) | | 4. If | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | 6. Indiv Line) X | Forn Forn | dual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | |
| | Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day) | | | | | | Execution Date, | | 3. 4. Securities Disposed O Code (Instr. 8) | | | s Acqui Of (D) (In | red (A) o str. 3, 4 a | r and 5) | Secur Benef | 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) (D) | Pric | е | Trans | action(s) 3 and 4) | ı | (msu. 4) | |
| Common Stock 03/02/20 | | | | | | 16 | | G | V | 3,000(1) | D | \$3 | 3.09 ⁽²⁾ | 1 | 42,024 | D | | | |
| Common Stock held in 401(k) Plan | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 66.8995 | I | held 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 | n Date e (Month/Day/Year) if | Execution if any | recution Date, any | | 1. Transaction Code (Instr. 3) | | of | | Exerc ion Da /Day/Y | | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4) | | Deri Sec (Ins: | vative urity r. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s (Instr. 4) | Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| | | | | | Code V (A) (D) | | (D) | Date Exercis | able | Expiration Date | Title | of Shares | | | | | | | |

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Shares gifted to Gonzaga University
- 2. Closing price of AVA stock on 3/2/2016.

/s/Scott L. Morris

03/02/2016

** 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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