FORM 4

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## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

| <b>STATEMENT</b> | OF CHANGES | IN BENEFICIAL | <b>OWNERSHIP</b> |
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| Name and Address of Reporting Person*     MEYER DAVID J |   |  |   |   | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol AVISTA CORP [ AVA ] |   |        |                             |  |  |                      |   |                                | ck all applic<br>Directo   | tionship of Reporting all applicable)  Director     |   | 10% Ow                      | wner   |                                       |
|---|---|--|---|---|---|---|--------|-----------------------------|--|--|----------------------|---|--------------------------------|--|---|---|-----------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) 1411 E MISSION AVE              |   |  |   | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 11/10/2008 |   |   |        |                             |  |  |                      | X   |                                | Officer (give title below) Oftice President  |   |   | pecify                      |  |                                       |
| (Street)  |   |  |   |   | 4.  | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)    |        |                             |  |  |                      |   |                                | Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicabline)     X Form filed by One Reporting Person     Form filed by More than One Reporting |   |   |                             |  | 1                                     |
| (City)  | (S  | tate)                                      | (Zip)   |   |   |   |        |                             |  |  |                      |   |                                |  | Persor  | 1   |                             |  |                                       |
|   |   | Tak  | ole I - No  | n-Deri  | ivativ  | e Se  | curit  | ties Ac                     | quired,  | Dis  | posed o              | f, or Be  | nefi                           | cially   | / Owned   |   |                             |  |                                       |
| , (   |   |  | 2. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year)                  |   | ar) i   | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) |        | Transaction<br>Code (Instr. |  | 4. Securities Acquired (A) of Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 |                      |   | or<br>and 5)                   | Beneficia<br>Owned F   | es<br>ally<br>Following                             | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4)   | Direct of Indirect Estr. 4) | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership                      |                                       |
|   |   |  |   |   |   |   |        | Code                        | v  | Amount   | (A) o                | r Pr  | ice                            | Reported<br>Transact<br>(Instr. 3  | ion(s)  |   | [                           | Instr. 4)  |                                       |
| Common  | Common Stock  |  | 11/10/2008  |   | 8   |   |        | М                           |  | 12,500   | (1) A                | \$  | 18.63                          | 14,  | ,666  | D   | D                           |  |                                       |
| Common  | Stock   |  |   | 11/1  | 0/200   | 8   |        |                             | S  |  | 12,500               | (1) D   | \$                             | 19.18  | 2,  | 166   |                             | D  |                                       |
| Common<br>Plan  | Stock held  | in 401(k) Invest                           | ment  |   |   |   |        |                             |  |  |                      |   |                                |  | 9,9   | 995   |                             |  | oy<br>Γrustee                         |
| Common<br>Plan  | Stock held  | in Executive De                            | eferral   |   |   |   |        |                             |  |  |                      |   |                                |  | 8,  | 646   |                             |  | oy<br>Γrustee                         |
| Common Stock held in IRA at D.A. Davidson & Co.         |   |  |   |   |   |   |        |                             |  |  |                      | 5,743   |                                |  |   | оу<br>Frustee   |                             |  |                                       |
|   |   |  | Table II -  |   |   |   |        |                             |  |  | osed of,<br>converti |   |                                |  | Owned   |   |                             |  |                                       |
| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)     | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) |   | 4.<br>Transaction<br>Code (Instr.<br>8)                         |   | n of l |                             | 6. Date Exercis<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Yea |  | е                    | 7. Title and Am<br>of Securities<br>Underlying<br>Derivative Secu<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |                                | rity   | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Number of<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s<br>(Instr. 4) | e<br>S<br>Illy              | 10.<br>Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|   |   |  |   | Coo   | Code  | v   | (A)    | (D)                         | Date<br>Exercisal                                    |  | Expiration<br>Date   | Title   | Amo<br>or<br>Num<br>of<br>Shar | ber  |   |   |                             |  |                                       |
| Exercise<br>of Stock                                    | \$18.63   | 11/10/2008                                 |   |   | М   |   |        | 12.500                      | (2)  |  | 11/12/2008           | Common  | 12.                            | 500 T  | \$19.18   | 0(3)  |                             | D  |                                       |

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. Transaction per Mr. Meyer's 10b5-1 Plan dated March 13, 2008.
- 2. Options vest in four equal annual installments beginning the first anniversary of the grant date. Mr. Meyer received an option grant of 12,500 shares on 11/12/1998.
- 3. Total reflects the number of derivative securities remaining under this particular option grant.

/s/ David J. Meyer

11/10/2008

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

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

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