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* RACICOT MARC F | | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol AVISTA CORP [AVA] | | | | | | | | | k all app | ship of Reporting Pers applicable) rector | | rson(s) to Issuer 10% Owner | |
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| (Loct) (First) (Middle) | | | | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 09/01/2015 | | | | | | | | | Offic below | er (give title w) | | Other (specif below) | |
| (Street) SPOKANE WA 99202 (City) (State) (Zip) | | | | | | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | 6. Indi Line) X | Forn Forn | I or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable orm filed by One Reporting Person orm filed by More than One Reporting erson | | | |
| | | Tabl | e I - No | on-Deriv | ative | Sec | uritie | s Ac | quired | l, Dis | sposed o | f, or E | Benefi | cially | Own | ed | | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transacti Date (Month/Day) | | | | | | Execution Date, | | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) 4. Securities Acquired (A) of Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4) | | | and 5) Secur Benef Owne | | icially d Following | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | Code | v | Amount | (A) o | r Pric | :e | | action(s) 3 and 4) | | | (Instr. 4) |
| Common Stock 09/01/20 | | | | | | 015 | | A ⁽¹⁾ | | 159 ⁽²⁾ | A | \$3 | 1.39 ⁽¹⁾ | 1 | .3,375 | 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) | vative Conversion Date Execution Date, Irity or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if any Code (| | on Date, | Transaction Code (Instr. | | | | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4) | | Deri Sec (Ins | rice of vative urity tr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4) | Owner Form: Direct or Indi (I) (Ins | Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| | | | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercis | able | Expiration Date | Title | | | | | | | | | | |

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Shares issued as an award of stock for Director Compensation. The price per share is the closing price on August 31, 2015.
- 2. Shares issued as part the Directors annual retainer.

/s/Marc F. Racicot

09/02/2015

** 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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