## FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol AVISTA CORP [ AVA ]									neck all ap Dire	plicable) ctor		Owner
(Last) (First) (Middle) 1411 E. MISSION AVENUE					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/08/2010									X belo	,	below President	(specify )	
(Street) SPOKANE WA 99202  (City) (State) (Zip)				4. If	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								6. I Lin	e) X Fori Fori				
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																		
Date					ate Exe Ionth/Day/Year) if a			2A. Deemed Execution Date, f any (Month/Day/Year)		Transaction Disposition Code (Instr. 5)		ities Acquired (A) d Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4			d 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 (D	) or )	Price		action(s) 3 and 4)		(Instr. 4)
Common Stock 01/08/					3/2010	2010			F		257(1)	)	D	\$ <mark>21</mark> .	6	4,154	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. Deeme Execution if any (Month/Day	Date, Transac Code (li					6. Date Exercisa Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year		9	7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4)		tr. 3	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
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## **Explanation of Responses:**

1. Shares withheld to pay income tax on restricted shares that vested on 1/4/2010.

/s/ Richard L. Storro

01/12/2010

\*\* 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).
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