FORM 4

obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

OMB APPROVAL OMB Number: Estimated average burden hours per response: 0.5

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  Vermillion Dennis P  |   |  |  |         |  | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol     AVISTA CORP [ AVA ]  3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) |   |                    |                                    |                             |                    |   |   |         |                      | all app<br>Dired  | olicable)<br>ctor<br>er (give title  | g Person(s) to I<br>10% (<br>Other<br>below                       | wner<br>(specify   |
|--|---|--|--|---------|--|---|---|--------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|---|---|---------|----------------------|-------------------|--|---|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middle)  1411 E MISSION AVENUE   |   |  |  |         | 01/02/2013   |   |   |                    |                                    |                             |                    |   |   |         | Vice President       |                   |  |   |  |
| (Street) SPOKANE WA 99202  |   |  |  |         | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) |   |   |                    |                                    |                             |                    |   | Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)     X Form filed by One Reporting Person     Form filed by More than One Reporting |         |                      |                   | son  |   |  |
| (City)   | (St   |  | Zip)   |         |  |   |   |                    |                                    |                             |                    |   |   |         | Pers                 |                   |  |   |  |
|  |   | Tabl                                       | e I - Noi                                    | n-Deriv | ative  | Sec   | curitie   | es Ac              | quired,                            | Dis                         | posed o            | f, o  | r Bei   | nefic   | ially                | Owne              | ed   |   |  |
| Da   |   |  |  | Date    | 2. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year)               |   | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) |                    | Code                               | Transaction<br>Code (Instr. |                    | 4. Securities Acquired (A)<br>Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4<br>5)                                  |   |         |                      | Secur<br>Benef    | icially<br>d Following   | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4)  |
|  |   |  |  |         |  |   |   |                    | Code                               | v                           | Amount             |   | (A) or<br>(D)   | Pri     | Price                |                   | action(s)<br>3 and 4)  |   | (3 4)  |
| Common Stock - 2010 Restricted Share Award 01/   |   |  |  |         | 02/2013  |   |   |                    | F                                  |                             | 338(1)             |   | D   | \$2     | \$24.57              |                   | 18,892   | D   |  |
| Common Stock - 2011 Restricted Share Award 01/0  |   |  |  |         | 2/2013   |   |   |                    | F                                  |                             | 338 <sup>(2)</sup> |   | D   | \$2     | \$24.57              |                   | 18,554   | D   |  |
| Common Stock - 2012 Restricted Share Award 01/0  |   |  |  | 01/02   | 02/2013  |   |   |                    | F                                  |                             | 991(3)             |   | D   | \$24.57 |                      | 17,563            |  | D   |  |
| Common Stock held in 401(k)  |   |  |  |         |  |   |   |                    |                                    |                             |                    |   |   | 8,815   |                      | I                 | by<br>Trustee  |   |  |
| Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) |   |  |  |         |  |   |   |                    |                                    |                             |                    |   |   |         |                      |                   |  |   |  |
| 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. Deem<br>Execution<br>if any<br>(Month/Da | Date,   | 4.<br>Transac<br>Code (I<br>8)                           |   | of E  |                    | 6. Date E<br>Expiratio<br>(Month/E | n Date                      | •                  | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Securities<br>Underlying<br>Derivative<br>Security (Instr.<br>and 4) |   | f<br>g  | Deri<br>Sec<br>(Inst | curity<br>str. 5) | 9. Number of<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 4) | Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|  |   |  |  | Code    |  |   | Date<br>Exercisa  | Date Exercisable [ |                                    | Titl                        | or<br>Ni<br>of     | umbei   |   |         |                      |                   |  |   |  |

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. Shares sold to pay income tax on final 1/3 of 2010 resticted shares vested on 1/2/2013
- 2. Shares sold to pay income tax on second 1/3 of 2011 resticted shares vested on 1/2/2013
- 3. Shares sold to pay income tax on first 1/3 of 2012 resticted shares vested on 1/2/2013

/s/ Dennis P Vermillion 01/04/2013

\*\* 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).

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.

Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB Number.