## FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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	nd Address of V <mark>nski Don</mark>		2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol AVISTA CORP [ AVA ]									all app Direc	olicable) ctor	Person(s) to Issuer  10% Owner  Other (specify				
						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/28/2006								X	belov	,	below resident	
(Street) SPOKANE WA 99202  (City) (State) (Zip)					4. If	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								6. Indiv Line) X	ividual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable  Form filed by One Reporting Person  Form filed by More than One Reporting  Person			
		Tabl	e I - No	on-Deriv	ative	Sec	uritie	s Ac	quired	l, Dis	sposed o	f, or E	enefic	ially	Owne	ed		
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transaction Date (Month/Day)						Execution Date,			3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)  4. Securities Acquired (A) of (D) (Instr. 3, 4)			ed (A) or str. 3, 4 a	and 5) Secu Bene		icially d Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership	
									Code	v	Amount	(A) o	Price		Trans	action(s) 3 and 4)		(Instr. 4)
Common Stock-Performance Shares 02/28/20							006		S		211(1)	D	\$19.	5744		1,890	D	
		Та	ıble II -								osed of, convertib				wned			
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)			4. Transa Code ( 8)				6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)  Date Expiration Exercisable Date			7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4)  Amoun or Numbe of		nt er		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)		

## **Explanation of Responses:**

1. Shares sold to pay income tax on Performance Shares acquired on 2/9/2006.

/s/ Don F. Kopczynski 03/01/2006

\*\* 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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