

## INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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<b>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*</b> <u>Storror Richard L</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>1411 E. MISSION AVENUE</u>  (Street) <u>SPOKANE WA 99202</u>  (City) (State) (Zip)	<b>2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year)</b> <u>01/01/2009</u>	<b>3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</b> <u>AVISTA CORP [ AVA ]</u>  <b>4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)</b> Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Vice President</u></p>	<b>5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)</b>  <b>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
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### Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
<u>Common Stock</u>	<u>1,898</u>	<u>D</u>	
<u>Common Stock - Restricted Shares<sup>(1)</sup></u>	<u>993</u>	<u>D</u>	

### Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			
<u>2006 Performance Share Grant</u>	<u>(2)</u>	<u>(2)</u>	<u>Common Stock</u>	<u>370</u>	<u>(3)</u>	<u>D</u>	
<u>2007 Performance Share Grant</u>	<u>(2)</u>	<u>(2)</u>	<u>Common Stock</u>	<u>900</u>	<u>(3)</u>	<u>D</u>	
<u>2008 Performance Share Grant</u>	<u>(2)</u>	<u>(2)</u>	<u>Common Stock</u>	<u>3,100</u>	<u>(3)</u>	<u>D</u>	

**Explanation of Responses:**

1. Restricted shares vest one-third each year over a three-year period and are payable in Avista Corp. Common Stock at the end of each year in the three-year period. Mr. Storror received restricted stock in 2006, 2007, and 2008; 993 shares are currently unvested.

2. Each performance cycle is three years in length. Shares are issued at the end of each three-year cycle if performance measure is met.

3. No conversion price - shares are awarded if performance measure is met.

/s/ Richard L. Storror

01/02/2009

\*\* 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 5 (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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