

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>BLAKE KRISTIANNE</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>1411 E MISSION AVE</u> (Street) <u>SPOKANE WA 99202</u> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>AVISTA CORP [AVA]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>02/22/2012</u>	
4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	02/22/2012		G		1,000 ⁽¹⁾	D	\$25.1 ⁽²⁾	14,525	D	
Common Stock	02/23/2012		M ⁽³⁾		3,000	A	\$15.88	17,525	D	
Common Stock	02/23/2012		S ⁽³⁾		1,907	D	\$25.101	15,618	D	
Common Stock held in Executive Deferral Plan								2,519	I	by Trustee

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. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						Title
Exercise of Stock Option	\$15.88	02/23/2012		M			3,000	(4)	05/09/2012	Common Stock	3,000	\$25.101	0 ⁽⁵⁾	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- Gift of 1000 shares of Avista Corporation Common Stock to Gonzaga University
- Price based on the average high and low stock cost for February 22, 2012
- Exercise and sale of Option Grant expiring 05/2012
- Options vest in four (4) equal installments beginning the first anniversary date of the grant. Ms. Blake acquired the option grant of 3,000 shares on May 9, 2002.
- Total reflects the number of derivative securities remaining for this particular grant. This does not reflect any other stock options grants.

/s/ Kristianne Blake 02/24/2012

** 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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