FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| ı | obligations may continue. See          |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|   | Instruction 1(b).                      |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  MEYER DAVID J |   |     |           |                                 |   |  | 2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol AVISTA CORP [ AVA ] |  |        |  |                       |  |         |                                      |   | olicable)<br>ctor   | g Person(s) to I   | Owner   |
|---|---|-----|-----------|---------------------------------|---|--|--|--|--------|--|-----------------------|--|---------|--------------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| (Last)<br>1411 E M                                      | ast) (First) (Middle) 411 E MISSION AVE                                   |     |           |                                 |   |  | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/14/2010            |  |        |  |                       |  |         |                                      | Officer (give title below)  Vice President  |   | below  | ´   |
| (Street) SPOKANE WA 99202  (City) (State) (Zip)         |   |     |           |                                 | 4. If   | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) |  |  |        |  |                       |  |         |                                      | ridual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable  Form filed by One Reporting Person  Form filed by More than One Reporting  Person |   |  |   |
|   |   | Tab | le I - No | n-Deriv                         | ative   | Sec  | curitie  | s Ac   | quired | l, Dis                                       | sposed o              | f, or E  | Benefic | cially                               | Owne  | ed  |  |   |
| Date  |   |     |           | 2. Transac<br>Date<br>(Month/Da |   | Exe<br>) if a  | ecution<br>ny  | Deemed<br>cution Date,<br>y<br>nth/Day/Year) |        |  |                       | 4. Securities Acquired (A) o<br>Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 a |         |                                      | 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 |
|   |   |     |           |                                 |   |  |  |  | Code   | v  | Amount                | (A) o<br>(D)   | Price   | •                                    | Trans   | action(s)<br>3 and 4)   |  | (Instr. 4)  |
| Common Stock hled in IRA at D.A. Davidson               |   |     |           | 12/14/                          | 2010  |  |  |  | S      |  | 1,340                 | D  | \$22    | .3702                                | 1   | ,143(1)   | I  | by<br>Trustee                                       |
| Common Stock  |   |     |           |                                 |   |  |  |  |        |  |                       |  |         |                                      |   | 3,799   | D  |   |
| Common Stock held in 401(k) Lnvestment<br>Plan          |   |     |           |                                 |   |  |  |  |        |  |                       |  |         |                                      | 1   | .0,512  | I  | by<br>Trustee                                       |
| Common Stock held in Executive Deferral<br>Plan         |   |     |           |                                 |   |  |  |  |        |  |                       |  |         |                                      | 9,174   |   | I  | by<br>Trustee                                       |
|   |   | Ta  | able II - |                                 |   |  |  |  |        |  | osed of,<br>convertib |  |         |                                      | wned  |   |  |   |
| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)     | rative Conversion Date Execution Date or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if any |     | on Date,  |                                 | Transaction Of De Code (Instr. B) Se Ac (A) Dis |  | osed<br>)<br>r. 3, 4   | 6. Date                                      | ion Da | te Amou<br>Secur<br>Under<br>Deriva<br>Secur |                       | Amount of Securities   |         | rice of<br>vative<br>urity<br>tr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (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) |   |

## Explanation of Responses:

 ${\bf 1.}\ {\bf Changed}\ {\bf detail}\ {\bf to}\ {\bf reflect}\ {\bf sale}\ {\bf of}\ {\bf Common}\ {\bf Stock}\ {\bf held}\ {\bf by}\ {\bf Trustee}.$ 

/s/ David J Meyer

12/15/2010

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- $^{\star}$  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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