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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol AVISTA CORP [AVA] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | | | | |
|--|---------|------------|--|---|-------------------------------------|----------------|--|--|
| <u>Klein Rebecca A</u> | | | t | X | Director | 10% Owner | | |
| | | | | | Officer (give title | Other (specify | | |
| | | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/14/2012 | | below) | below) | | |
| 1411 E MISSION AVE | | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) | | | | |
| | | | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | |
| (Street) | | | | X | Form filed by One Report | ting Person | | |
| SPOKANE | WA | 99220-3727 | | | Form filed by More than (Person | One Reporting | | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | | | | | | |

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. Transa Code (8) | | 4. Securities A Disposed Of (| | | Securities Beneficially | 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 | Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | (11311.4) |
| Common Stock | 05/14/2012 | | A ⁽¹⁾ | | 2,949 ⁽²⁾ | Α | \$25.77 ⁽¹⁾ | 8,862 | D | |

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. Transa Code (8) | | of | | 6. Date Exerc Expiration Da (Month/Day/Y | 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 | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | |

Explanation of Responses:

1. Shares issued under the Long Term Incentive Plan as an award of stock for director compensation. The price per share (per the LTIP) is the closing price of May 11, 2012.

2. Shares issued as a part of Ms. Klein's director retainer.

/s/ Rebecca Klein

ein 05/14/2012 eporting Person Date

** Signature of Reporting Person

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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