## FORM 4

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## **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  PETERSON RONALD R						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol AVISTA CORP [ AVA ]								ck all applic Director	applicable)		Person(s) to Issuer  10% Owner	
(Last) (First) (Middle) 1411 E MISSION AVE					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/09/2006								X Officer (give title Other (specify below)  Vice President					респу
(Street) SPOKANE WA 99202 (City) (State) (Zip)				4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								6. Ind Line) X	′					
	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																	
Date					2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 5)			5. Amour Securities Beneficia Owned F	s lly ollowing	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
								Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Pri	ice	Reported Transacti (Instr. 3 a	on(s)			(Instr. 4)
Common Stock-Restricted Shares 02/0					9/2006			A		1,000	A		(1)	1,000			D	
Common Stock-Restricted Stock 02/0					02/09/2006			A		100	A		(1)	100				Held by Spouse
Common Stock-Performance Share Award 02/09					9/2006			М		6,360	A		(2)	6,360			D	
Common Stock-Performance Share Award 02/05					9/2006			M		600	A		(2)	600				Held by Spouse
	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. Deeme Execution I if any (Month/Day	Date,	1. Fransactio Code (Insti	n Derivative		6. Date E Expiratio (Month/D	n Dat		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Sec (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficia Owned Following Reported Transacti (Instr. 4)	e s illy	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership t (Instr. 4)	
												or						

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(5)

(D)

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500

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Code

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Expiration Date

(3)

(3)

(5)

Title

Common

Stock

Common

Stock

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Stock

Stock

## **Explanation of Responses:**

\$17.8

\$17.8

(4)

(4)

Conversion

of derivative

of derivative

Performance

securities Performance Shares

security Conversion

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 if targets are met.

3,900

370

- 2. Shares are received in satisfaction of 2003 performance grant.
- 3. 2003 Performance Grant-disposition of Derivative Securities.
- 4. No conversation price Shares awarded if performance measure is met.

02/09/2006

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

/s/ Ronald R. Peterson

of Shares

5,300

500

3,900

370

(3)

(3)

\$19.2

\$19.2

02/13/2006

10,600

1,000

14,500

1,370

D

D

Held by

Spouse

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Spouse

\*\* 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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