FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  FELTES KAREN S      |   |  |   |  |   | 2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol AVISTA CORP [ AVA ] |         |       |  |     |                    |   |  | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  Director 10% Owner |  |   |  |
|---|---|--|---|--|---|--|---------|-------|--|-----|--------------------|---|--|---|--|---|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) 1411 E MISSION AVE                    |   |  |   |  | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/05/2004 |  |         |       |  |     |                    |   |  | X Officer (give title Other (specify below)  Vice President & Corp Sec.                     |  |   |  |
| Street) SPOKANE WA 992 (City) (State) (Zip                    |   | 9202<br>(ip)                               |   | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) |   |  |         |       |  |     | Lin                | dividual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable  X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |  |   |  |   |  |
|   |   | Table                                      | e I - Non-C   | Derivat  | tive S  | Secu   | ırities | Acc   | quired,  | Dis | posed o            | f, or Ber   | neficial                               | ly Owned  | 1  |   |  |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transac Date (Month/Date) |   |  |   | ate  | Execution D   |  |         | Date, | Transaction<br>Code (Instr.                                    |     |                    | 4. Securities Acquired (A)<br>Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4<br>5)  |  |   |  | orm: Direct<br>o) or Indirect<br>(Instr. 4)                       | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)              |
|   |   |  |   |  |   |  |         |       | Code   | v   | Amount             | (A) or<br>(D)   | Price                                  | Transact<br>(Instr. 3   | ion(s)   |   | (111501.4)   |
|   |   | Ta   | able II - De  |  |   |  |         |       |  |     |                    | or Bene<br>ole secu   |  | Owned   |  | ·   | ,  |
| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)           | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Da<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/ | ate, Tr  | 4.<br>Transaction<br>Code (Instr.<br>8)                     |  | n of    |       | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |     |                    | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Securities<br>Underlying<br>Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 3 and 4)                                    |  | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5)   | 9. Number of<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(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) |
|   |   |  |   | C  | ode   | v  | (A)     | (D)   | Date<br>Exercisab  |     | Expiration<br>Date | Title   | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |   |  |   |  |
| Performance<br>Shares   | (1)   | 02/05/2004                                 |   |  | A   |  | 5,300   |       | (2)  |     | (2)                | Common  | 5,300                                  | \$17.88   | 10,600   | D   |  |

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. No conversion price shares awarded if performance measure is met.
- 2. 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/ Karen S. Feltes

Stock

02/09/2004

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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