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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* $ \underline{MORRIS\ SCOTT\ L} $ | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol AVISTA CORP [AVA] | | | | | | | | k all applica Director | | | 10% Owner | | | | |
|---|---|--|---|---|--------|---|---------|--|----------------|-----------------------|--|--|---|-----------------------------------|--|--|--------|--------------------|--|
| (Last) 1411 E M | (Fir | , | Middle) | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/01/2018 | | | | | | | | | | | below) | , i | |
| (Street) | E W | Δ 9 | 99202 | | 4. If | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | Line) | Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable le) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting | | | | | | | |
| (City) | (Sta | nte) (| Zip) | | | | | | | | | | | Person | | | | | |
| | | Tal | ole I - Noi | ո-Deri | vativ | e Se | curitie | s Acqı | uired, | Disp | osed of, | or Bene | ficially | 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) Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 | | (A) or 3, 4 and 5) | and 5) Securitie Beneficia Owned F | | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | Direct I Indirect I str. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership | | | | |
| | | | | | | | Code | v | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | | (Instr. 4) | | | |
| Common S | Stock - 2018 | Restricted Stoc | k Award | 02/01/2018 | | 18 | | | A | | 13,280 | A | (1) | 217,420 | | | D | | |
| Common S Restricted | | 5, 2016 and 2017 | , | 02/0 |)1/201 | 18 | | | F | | 5,228(2) | D | \$50.08 | 212, | ,192 | | D | | |
| Common Stock-Performance Shares | | 02/0 | 2/01/2018 | | | | М | | 10,226 | A | (3) 22 | | 2,418 | | D | | | | |
| Common S | Stock-Perfo | mance Shares | | 02/0 |)1/201 | 18 | | | F | | 4,024(4) | A | \$50.08 | 218,394 | | | D | | |
| Estimated | Shares held | in 401(k) Plan | | | | | | | | | | | | 164.64 | | | | held by trustee | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | sed of, o onvertible | | | wned | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution D if any (Month/Day | oate, | | ransaction Derivative ode (Instr. Securities | | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) 7. Title and A of Securities Underlying Derivative Service (Instr. 3 and 4 | | | es g Security | Derivative Security urity (Instr. 5) | | er of ee es ally g | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | | |
| | | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exerci | sable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | | | | |
| Conversion of 2015 Performance Shares related to CEPS | (3) | 02/01/2018 | | | M | | | 13,280 | (3 |) | (3) | Common Stock | 13,280 | (3) | 0 | | D | | |
| Performance Share Grant | (5) | 02/01/2018 | | | A | | 29,438 | | (6 |) | (6) | Common | 29,438 | \$50.08 | 29,43 | 38 | D | | |

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Restricted Shares vest 1/3 each year over a 3-year period and are payable in Avista Corp. Common Stock at the end of each year in the 3-year period.
- 2. Shares withheld to pay income tax on Restricted Shares acquired 2/1/18.
- 3. Each performance share represents a contingent right to receive a share of Avista Common Stock upon achieving a specified performance measure.
- 4. Shares withheld to pay income tax on Performance Shares acquired 2/1/18.
- $5.\ No$ conversion price. Shares awarded if performance measure is met.
- 6. Each performance cycle is 3 years in length. Shares will be issued at the end of each 3-year cycle if performance measure is met.

<u>/s/Scott L. Morris</u> <u>02/05/2018</u>

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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- * 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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