## FORM 4

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## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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| STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP | OMB I |
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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  KENSOK JAMES M |  |  |  |                           |        | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol AVISTA CORP [ AVA ] |         |      |  |   |                       |   |   | Check all ap  |   | 10%   | Person(s) to Issuer  10% Owner  Other (specify |  |
|--|--|--|--|---------------------------|--------|---|---------|------|--|---|-----------------------|---|---|---|---|---|--|--|
| (Last)<br>1411 E M                                       | (Fi<br>MISSION A   | ,  | (Middle)                                       |                           |        | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/15/2017     |         |      |  |   |                       |   | X bel   | ow)   | belov<br>President  |   |  |  |
| (Street) SPOKAN (City)                                   |  |  | 99202<br>(Zip)                                 |                           | 4. If  | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)        |         |      |  |   |                       | Line)<br>X Foi<br>Foi   | or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable rm filed by One Reporting Person rm filed by More than One Reporting rson |   |   |   |  |  |
|  | Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned |  |  |                           |        |   |         |      |  |   |                       |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |
| Dat  |  |  | 2. Transa<br>Date<br>(Month/D                  | Executy/Year) if any      |        | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year)     |         |      |  | es Acquired (A) or<br>Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 a |                       | d 5) Secu<br>Bend<br>Own  | nount of<br>rities<br>ficially<br>ed Following  | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4)   |   |  |  |
|  | Code   |  |  | v                         | Amount | (A) o<br>(D)  | r Price | Tran | Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)                       |   | (111511.4)            |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |
| Common   | Stock  |  |  | 03/15/                    | 2017   |   |         |      | S  |   | 500                   | D   | \$39.0  | 5706 18,237   |   | D   |  |  |
|  |  | Ta   | able II ·                                      |                           |        |   |         |      |  |   | osed of,<br>convertib |   |   |   | I   |   |  |  |
| 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. Deeme<br>Execution<br>if any<br>(Month/Day | on Date, Transa<br>Code ( |        |   |         |      | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |   |                       | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Securities<br>Underlying<br>Derivative<br>Security (Instr.<br>and 4) |   |   | 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) | Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4)          |  |
|  |  |  |  |                           | Code   | v   | (A)     | (D)  | Date<br>Exercis  | sable                                       | Expiration<br>Date    | Title   | or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares  |   |   |   |  |  |

Explanation of Responses:

/s/James M. Kensok

03/15/2017

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

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