FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  TAYLOR R JOHN							2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol AVISTA CORP [ AVA ]									olicable)	g Person(s) to I	
(Last) (First) (Middle) 1411 E MISSION AVE						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/07/2006									Offic belo	er (give title w)	Other below	(specify )
(Street) SPOKANE WA 99202  (City) (State) (Zip)				4. If	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								6. Indiv Line) X	vidual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable  Form filed by One Reporting Person  Form filed by More than One Reporting  Person				
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																		
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transact Date (Month/Day						Execution Date,					s Acquired (A) or of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported		6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
									Code	v	Amount	(A) d	Pric	Tra		action(s) 3 and 4)		(1150.4)
Common Stock 12/07/20						06		P		1,533(1)	A	\$26	5.0823	1	19,985	D		
Common Stock 12/08/20						006		P		89(2)	(2) A \$2		26.22	20,074		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)	if any	on Date,	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exerc Expiration Da (Month/Day/Y		ate	7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4)		Deri Sec (Inst	rice of vative urity tr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction( (Instr. 4)	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercis	sable	Expiration Date	Title	Amour or Number of Shares	er				

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. Shares purchased in accordance with the 2006 election of retainer payment submitted by each Director and approved by the Board on November 11, 2005.
- 2. Shares purchased under dividend reinvestment plan.

<u>/s/ R. John Taylor</u> <u>12/08/2006</u>

\*\* 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).
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