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* BLAKE KRISTIANNE						2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol AVISTA CORP [ AVA ]									Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)     X Director 10% Owner				
(Last) (First) (Middle) 1411 E MISSION AVE					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/04/2009									_	er (give title		r (specify		
(Street) SPOKAN (City)			99202 Zip)		4. If	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									Forr	al or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable orm filed by One Reporting Person form filed by More than One Reporting rerson			
		Tabl	e I - No	n-Deriv	ative	Sec	uritie	s Ac	quirec	l, Di	sposed o	f, or	Benef	iciall	y Own	ed			
D			2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		3. Transa Code ( 8)			4. Securities Acquired (A) o Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 a			Secu	ficially d Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
									Code	v	Amount	(A) (D)	or Pr	ice	Trans	action(s) 3 and 4)		(111501.4)	
Common	Stock			12/04/	2009				G	V	1,071(1)	I	\$	21.08 <sup>(</sup>	2)	13,462	D		
Common Account	nmon Stock held in Avista Deferred ount															2,519	I	by Trustee	
		Та	ıble II -								osed of, convertib				Owned			,	
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deer Execution if any (Month/I		4. Transa Code ( 8)	nstr.	5. Nu of Deriv Secu Acqu (A) o Dispo of (D) (Instrand 5	rities ired r osed ) : 3, 4	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)  Date Expiration Date			7. Title	nt of ities lying ative ity (Inst	nt er	Price of erivative ecurity estr. 5)	9. Number o 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)	

## Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Gift of 595 shares of Avista Corporation Common Stock to St. George's School and 476 shares of Avista Corporation Common Stock to United Way of Spokane County.
- 2. Closing price of AVA stock on 12/4/2009.

/s/ Kristianne Blake 12/07/2009

\*\* 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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