FORM 4

## **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  MEYER DAVID J						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol AVISTA CORP [ AVA ]										(Check all ap		olicable) otor	g Person(s) to Iss 10% Ov		wner
(Last) (First) (Middle) 1411 E MISSION AVE					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/12/2009										X	belov	,		low)	specify	
(Street) SPOKANE WA 99202  (City) (State) (Zip)					4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)											6. Indi Line) X	,				
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Date					nsaction th/Day/Year)		2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)							5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following		6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership	
										Code	v	Amount		(A) or (D)	Pric	e:e		ted action(s) 3 and 4)			(Instr. 4)
Common Stock - 2007 Restricted Share Award  01/					12/2009				F		73(1)		D	\$19.15		5,098		D			
Common Stock - 2008 Restricted Stock Award 01/					/12/2009				F		118(2)		D	\$19.15		4,980		D			
Common Stock held in 401(k) Investment Plan																	1	0,100	I	- 1	by Trustee
Common Stock held in Executive Deferral Plan																8,755		I	- 1	by Trustee	
Common Stock held in IRA																:	5,743	I		by Trustee	
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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deen Executio if any (Month/D	n Date,	4. Transactic Code (Inst		on of		5. Date Exercis Expiration Date Month/Day/Yea		•	An Se Un De Se	7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr and 4)		Deri Sec (Ins	ivative curity etr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction( (Instr. 4)	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	hip D) ect	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
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## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. Shares sold to pay income tax on second 1/3 of 2007 restricted shares that vested on 01/02/2009.
- 2. Shares sold to pay income tax on first 1/3 of 2008 restricted shares that vested on 01/02/2009.

/s/ David J. Meyer 01/14/2009 \*\* 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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