

Thoren Diane C  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Thoren Diane C

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
1411 E. MISSION AVENUE  
(Street)

SPOKANE, WA 99202

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
AVISTA CORP [AVA]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
12/14/2009

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Treasurer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially 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) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	12/14/2009		M <sup>(1)</sup>	1,300 A \$ 11.8	19,510	D	
Common Stock	12/14/2009		S <sup>(1)</sup>	1,300 D \$ 21.7362	18,210	D	
Common Stock	12/14/2009		M <sup>(1)</sup>	675 A \$ 10.17	18,885	D	
Common Stock	12/14/2009		S <sup>(1)</sup>	675 D \$ 21.7222	18,210	D	
Common Stock held in 401(k)					4,024	I	by Trustee

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Investment Plan			
Common Stock held in Executive Deferral Account	944	I	by Trustee
Common Stock held as Custodian for Zachery Brown	37	I	by Grandson
Common Stock held as Custodian for Meagan Cuthill	56	I	by Niece
Common Stock held as Custodian for Katherine Cuthill	37	I	by Niece
Common Stock held as Custodian for McIntyre Cuthill	12	I	by Niece
Common Stock held as Custodian for McKenzie Brown	22	I	by Granddaughter
Common Stock held as Custodian for Colton Materne	13	I	by Grandson

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Common  
Stock held  
as  
Custodian  
for Avery  
Materne

7 I by  
Granddaughter

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

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**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)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Exercise of Stock Option	\$ 11.8	12/14/2009		M	1,300	11/08/2002 11/08/2011	Common Stock	1,300
Exercise of Stock Option	\$ 10.17	12/14/2009		M	675	11/07/2003 11/07/2012	Common Stock	675

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Thoren Diane C 1411 E. MISSION AVENUE SPOKANE, WA 99202			Treasurer	

## Signatures

/s/ Diane C.  
Thoren  
12/15/2009  
Date

Signature of  
Reporting Person

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* 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).
- (1) Exercise and sale of Option Grant.
- (2) Total reflects the number of derivative securities remaining for this particular option grant.

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