

MORRIS SCOTT L
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
MORRIS SCOTT L

(Last) (First) (Middle)

1411 E MISSION AVE

(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)
02/03/2012

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)

Chairman, President and CEO

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 - 2009 Restricted Stock Award | 02/03/2012 | | F | | 1,519 (1) \$ 25.83 | D | 163,984 |
| Common Stock - 2010 Restricted Stock Award | 02/03/2012 | | F | | 1,519 (2) \$ 25.83 | D | 162,465 |
| Common Stock - 2011 | 02/03/2012 | | F | | 1,519 (3) \$ 25.83 | D | 160,946 |

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Restricted
Stock
Award

Common
Stock - 2012
Restricted
Stock

02/03/2012

A 12,100 A (4) 173,446 D

Common
Stock held
in 401(k)
Investment
Plan

13,386 I by
Trustee

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 Acquired (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) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable Expiration Date | Title | |
| Performance Grant | (5) | 02/03/2012 | | A | 42,500 | (6) (6) | Common Stock | 42,500 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| MORRIS SCOTT L 1411 E MISSION AVE SPOKANE, WA 99202 | | | Chairman, President and CEO | |

Signatures

/s/ Scott L
Morris

02/06/2012

__Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

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) Shares withheld to cover income taxes on last 1/3rd portion of 2009 Restricted Stock Award
- (2) Shares withheld to cover income taxes on second 1/3rd portion of 2010 Restricted Stock Award
- (3) Shares withheld to cover income taxes on first 1/3rd portion of 2011 Restricted Stock Award
- (4) Restricted shares vest one third each year over a three-year period and are payable in Avista Corp. Common Stock at the end of each year in the three-year period.
- (5) No conversion price. Shares awarded if performance measure is met.
- (6) Each performance cycle is three years in length. Shares will be issued at the end of each three-year cycle if performance measure is met.

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