

MEYER DAVID J  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
MEYER DAVID J

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
1411 E MISSION AVE  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
11/10/2009

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

SPOKANE, WA 99202

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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(City) (State) (Zip)

**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) |
|---|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| Common Stock                                | 11/10/2009                           |  | M <sup>(1)</sup>               | A   | \$ 17.31 24,232   | D  |   |
| Common Stock                                | 11/10/2009                           |  | S <sup>(1)</sup>               | D   | \$ 19.8119 4,232  | D  |   |
| Common Stock held in 401(k) Investment Plan |                                      |  |                                |   | 10,062  | I  | by Trustee  |
| Common Stock held                           |                                      |  |                                |   | 8,941   | I  | by Trustee  |

in  
Executive  
Deferral  
Plan

Common  
Stock held  
in IRA by  
D.A.  
Davidson  
& Co.

5,743

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) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Exercise of Stock Option                   | \$ 17.31   | 11/10/2009                           |  | M                              | 20,000  | (2) 11/11/2009   | Common Stock  | 20,000                        |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                           | Relationships |           |                |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|----------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer        | Other |
| MEYER DAVID J<br>1411 E MISSION AVE<br>SPOKANE, WA 99202 |               |           | Vice President |       |

## Signatures

/s/ David J.  
Meyer

11/12/2009

\*\*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) Exercise and sale of Option Grant expiring November 2009.

(2) Options vest in four equal annual installments beginning the first anniversary of the grant date. Mr. Meyer acquired an option grant of 20,000 shares on 11/11/1999.

(3) Total reflects the number of derivative securities remaining for this particular option grant.

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