

Vermillion Dennis P
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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 *
 Vermillion Dennis P

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 AVENUE
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 01/10/2012

____ 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)
			Code	V	Amount (D) Price		
Common Stock Performance Shares	01/10/2012		M		6,300 A <u>(1)</u>	18,907	D
Common Stock Performance Shares	01/10/2012		F		1,678 <u>(2)</u> D \$ 25.22	17,229	D
Common Stock held in 401(k) Investment						8,426 <u>(3)</u>	I held by Trustee

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(2) Shares withheld to pay income tax on Performance Shares acquired 1/10/2012.

(3) Estimate as of December 31, 2011

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