

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)  
01/10/2012

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  
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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  | (D)  | Price   |
| Common Stock Performance Shares             | 01/10/2012                           |  | M                              |   | 1,620   | A  | 4,587   |
| Common Stock Performance Shares             | 01/10/2012                           |  | F                              |   | 497 <sup>(2)</sup>  | D  | \$ 25.22  |
| Common Stock held in 401(k) Investment Plan |                                      |  |                                |   | 4,551 <sup>(3)</sup>  | I  | held by Trustee                                       |
| Common Stock held in                        |                                      |  |                                |   | 975   | I  | held by Trustee                                       |

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Executive  
Deferral  
Account

Common Stock  
held by  
Grandson,  
Zachary Brown

39

I

held by  
Grandson

Common Stock  
held by Niece,  
Katherine  
Cuthill

39

I

held by Niece

Common Stock  
held by Niece,  
McIntyre  
Cuthill

13

I

held by Niece

Common Stock  
held by  
Granddaughter,  
McKenzie  
Brown

24

I

held by  
Granddaughter

Common Stock  
held by  
Grandson,  
Colton Materne

14

I

held by  
Grandson

Common Stock  
held by  
Granddaughter,  
Avery Materne

7

I

held 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 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. D S (I) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|------------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   |  | Title   |            |

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|  |     |            |   |       |     | Date<br>Exercisable | Expiration<br>Date |       | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |
|--|-----|------------|---|-------|-----|---------------------|--------------------|-------|--|
| Conversion<br>of 2009<br>Performance<br>Shares | (1) | 01/10/2012 | M | 1,800 | (1) | (1)                 | Common<br>Stock    | 1,800 |  |

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

/s/ Diane C  
Thoren  
01/12/2012

\*\*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) Each performance share represents a contingent right to receive a share of Avista Common Stock upon Avista achieving a specified performance measure.
- (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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