KENSOK JAMES M

Form 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading KENSOK JAMES M Issuer Symbol AVISTA CORP [AVA] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title _ Other (specify 1411 E MISSION AVENUE 02/03/2012 below) Vice President (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting SPOKANE, WA 99202 Person

(City)	(State) (Z	Table	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned							
1.Title of Security	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if	3. Transactio	4. Securities onAcquired (A) or	5. Amount of Securities	6. Ownership Form: Direct	7. Nature of Indirect			
(Instr. 3)		any	Code	Disposed of (D)	Beneficially	(D) or	Beneficial			
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8) Code V	(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or Amount (D) Price	Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Ownership (Instr. 4)			
Common Stock -						_				

02/03/2012 8,270 D Α 1,300 (1) Restricted

Shares

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number proof 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 E S (1	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		
Performance Grant	<u>(2)</u>	02/03/2012		A	5,100	(3)	(3)	Common Stock	5,100		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

KENSOK JAMES M 1411 E MISSION AVENUE SPOKANE, WA 99202

Vice President

Signatures

/s/ James M Kensok 02/06/2012

**Signature of Date
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) 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.
- (2) No conversion price. Shares awarded if performance measure is met.
- (3) 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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