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1(b).

(Last)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * EIGUREN ROY LEWIS

(First)

(Street)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Middle)

AVISTA CORP [AVA] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

X_ Director 10% Owner

(Check all applicable)

1411 E MISSION AVE

(Month/Day/Year) 03/13/2006

Other (specify Officer (give title below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

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

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

SPOKANE, WA 99202

(State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

(City)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

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)

Conversion or Exercise Price of

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

5. Number 4 Transaction Derivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) Acquired

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and An Underlying Sec (Instr. 3 and 4)

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| | Derivative Security | | (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | | | | | |
|---|------------------------|------------|---|------|--------|------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| | | | Code ' | V (A | A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title |
| Non-Employee Stock Options | \$ 15.88 | 03/13/2006 | X | | 3,000 | 05/09/2004(2) | 05/09/2012 | Common Stock |
| Non-Employee Director Stock Options (1) | \$ 12.41 | 03/13/2006 | X | | 3,000 | 05/08/2005(3) | 05/08/2013 | Common Stock |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|
| 1 | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | |
| EIGUREN ROY LEWIS 1411 E MISSION AVE SPOKANE, WA 99202 | X | | | | | |
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Signatures

/s/ Roy L.
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**Signature of Reporting Person

O3/15/2006

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 of Non-Employee Stock Options under the Avista Corp. Long-Term Incentive Plan.
- Options vest in two equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date. 3,000 options were granted on 05/09/2002.
- Options vest in two equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date. 3,000 options were granted on 05/08/2003.

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