AVISTA CORP Form 4 January 05, 2017

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

(Last)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Thackston Jason R

(First) (Middle)

(Street)

1411 E MISSION AVENUE

SPOKANE, WA 99202

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

AVISTA CORP [AVA]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 01/05/2017

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

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Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify

below) below)

Senior Vice President

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

5. Amount of

Securities

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Person

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3) (Month/Day/Year)

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

(A)

(D)

Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Price

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

(Instr. 4)

Common Stock 2014 2015 and

Awards

2016

Restricted Stock

01/03/2017

954 (1) D F

Code V Amount

16,278

D

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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Titl	e and	8. Price of	9. Nu
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	TransactionNumber		Expiration D	ate	Amou	nt of	Derivative	Deriv
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Under	lying	Security	Secui
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8) Derivative		e		Secur	ities	(Instr. 5)	Bene
	Derivative				Securities			(Instr.	3 and 4)		Own
	Security				Acquired						Follo
	·				(A) or						Repo
					Disposed						Trans
					of (D)						(Instr
					(Instr. 3,						
					4, and 5)						
									Amount		
						Date Expiration Exercisable Date	Expiration		or		
							Title Nu	Number			
									of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Thackston Jason R 1411 E MISSION AVENUE SPOKANE, WA 99202

Senior Vice President

Signatures

/s/Jason R. 01/05/2017 Thackston

**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) Shares sold to pay income tax on final 1/3 of 2014, second 1/3 of 2015 and first 1/3 of 2016 restricted shares that vested on January 3, 2017.

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