

MEYER DAVID J  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
MEYER DAVID J

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 AVE  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
09/11/2008

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 Officer (give title below)  
\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_ 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)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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)
Common Stock	09/11/2008		M	(A) Amount 14,540 (1)	A \$ 18.31 16,706	D	
Common Stock	09/11/2008		M	(A) Amount 5,460 (1)	A \$ 18.31 22,166	D	
Common Stock	09/11/2008		S	(D) Amount 14,540 (1)	D \$ 22.0113 7,626	D	
Common Stock	09/11/2008		S	(D) Amount 5,460 (1)	D \$ 22.007 2,166	D	
Common Stock held in 401(k)					9,904	I	by Trustee

Investment Plan

Common Stock held in Executive Deferral Plan

8,414

I

by Trustee

Common Stock held in IRA at D.A. Davidson & Co.

5,743

I

by Trustee

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. Amount or Number of Shares
Exercise of Stock Option	\$ 18.31	09/11/2008		M	14,540	<u>(2)</u> 09/16/2008	Common Stock	14,540
Exercise of Stock Option	\$ 18.31	09/11/2008		M	5,460	<u>(3)</u> 09/16/2008	Common Stock	5,460

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
			Vice President	

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## Signatures

/s/ David J.  
Meyer

09/15/2008

\*\*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) Transaction per Mr. Meyer's 10b5-1 Plan dated March 13, 2008.
- (2) Options vest in four equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date. Mr. Meyer received an option grant of 14,540 shares on 09/16/1998.
- (3) Options vest in four equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date. Mr. Meyer received an option grant of 5,460 shares on 09/16/1998.
- (4) Total reflects the number of derivative securities remaining under this particular option grant.

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