

MEYER DAVID J  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**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)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
MEYER DAVID J

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
1411 E MISSION AVE  
(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)  
12/13/2011

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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. 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)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount Price			
Common Stock	12/13/2011		M <sup>(1)</sup>	2,500 A \$ 10.17	2,500	D	
Common Stock	12/13/2011		M <sup>(1)</sup>	500 A \$ 10.17	3,000	D	
Common Stock	12/13/2011		S <sup>(1)</sup>	2,500 D \$ 25.37	500	D	
Common Stock	12/13/2011		S <sup>(1)</sup>	500 D \$ 25.398	0	D	
Common Stock held in 401(k)					6,609	I	held by Trustee

Investment Plan			
Common Stock held in Executive Deferral Account	7,588	I	held by Trustee
Common Stock held in IRA at DA Davidson	1,142	I	held 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	\$ 10.17	12/13/2011		M	2,500	<u>(2)</u> 12/07/2012	Common Stock	2,500
Exercise of Stock Option	\$ 10.17	12/13/2011		M	500	<u>(2)</u> 11/07/2012	Common Stock	500

## Reporting Owners

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

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## Signatures

/s/ David J.  
Meyer

12/14/2011

\*\*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) Exercise and sale of Option Grant expiring November 2012.
- (2) Options vest in four equal annual installments beginning the first anniversary of the grant date. Mr. Meyer acquired an option grant of 26,250 shares on November 7, 2002
- (3) Total reflects the number of derivative securities remaining for this particular option grant.

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