

MEYER DAVID J
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**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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)
12/13/2011

____ 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)
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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. 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)
			Code	V	Amount	Price	
Common Stock	12/13/2011		M ⁽¹⁾		2,500	A \$ 10.17 2,500	D
Common Stock	12/13/2011		M ⁽¹⁾		500	A \$ 10.17 3,000	D
Common Stock	12/13/2011		S ⁽¹⁾		2,500	D \$ 25.37 500	D
Common Stock	12/13/2011		S ⁽¹⁾		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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SPOKANE, WA 99202

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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