

Thoren Diane C  
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**FORM 4**

**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 \*  
Thoren Diane C

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
1411 E. MISSION AVENUE  
(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)  
12/10/2010

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) \_\_\_X\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Treasurer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**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)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
				Code	V	Amount	
Common Stock - 2001 Option Grant	12/10/2010		M <sup>(1)</sup>	A	\$ 11.8	3,394	D
Common Stock - 2001 Option Grant	12/10/2010		S <sup>(1)</sup>	D	\$ 22	2,904	D
Common Stock held in 401(k) Plan						4,152	I
Common Stock held in						946	I
							Held by Trustee
							by Trustee

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Executive  
Deferral  
Account

Common Stock  
held by  
Grandson,  
Zachary Brown

37

I

Held by  
Grandson

Common Stock  
held by Niece,  
Katherine  
Cuthill

37

I

Held by Niece

Common Stock  
held by Niece,  
McIntyre  
Cuthill

12

I

Held by Niece

Common Stock  
held by  
Granddaughter,  
McKenzie  
Brown

22

I

Held by  
Granddaughter

Common Stock  
held by  
Grandson,  
Colton Materne

14

I

Held by  
Grandson

Common Stock  
held by  
Granddaughter,  
Avery Materne

7

I

Held by  
Granddaughter

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. Title and Amount of Derivative Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)		Title	

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					Date Exercisable	Expiration Date		Amount or Number of Shares
Exercise of Stock Options	\$ 11.8	12/10/2010	M	1,300	(2)	11/08/2011	Common Stock	1,300

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Thoren Diane C 1411 E. MISSION AVENUE SPOKANE, WA 99202				Treasurer

## Signatures

/s/ Diane C  
Thoren

12/10/2010

\*\*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 Options from November 2001.
- (2) Options vest in four equal annual installments beginning the first anniversary of the grant date. Ms. Thoren acquired an option grant of 5,200 shares November 08,2001.
- (3) Total reflects the number of derivative securities remaining for this particular option grant.

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