

BLAKE KRISTIANNE  
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 \*  
BLAKE KRISTIANNE

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)  
02/22/2012

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

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. 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)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	02/22/2012		G	1,000 (1) D \$ 25.1 (2)	14,525	D	
Common Stock	02/23/2012		M(3)	3,000 A \$ 15.88	17,525	D	
Common Stock	02/23/2012		S(3)	1,907 D \$ 25.101	15,618	D	
Common Stock held in Executive Deferral Plan					2,519	I	by Trustee

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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. I. De. Sec. (In	
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
						Code	V (A) (D)		
Exercise of Stock Option	\$ 15.88	02/23/2012		M	3,000	<u>(4)</u> 05/09/2012	Common Stock	3,000	\$

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BLAKE KRISTIANNE 1411 E MISSION AVE SPOKANE, WA 99202		X		

## Signatures

/s/ Kristianne  
Blake 02/24/2012

\*\*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) Gift of 1000 shares of Avista Corporation Common Stock to Gonzaga University
- (2) Price based on the average high and low stock cost for February 22,2012
- (3) Exercise and sale of Option Grant expiring 05/2012
- (4) Options vest in four (4) equal installments beginning the first anniversary date of the grant. Ms. Blake acquired the option grant of 3,000 shares on May 9, 2002.

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(5) Total reflects the number of derivative securities remaining for this particular grant. This does not reflect any other stock options grants.

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