

TAYLOR R JOHN  
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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 \*  
TAYLOR R JOHN

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) |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| Common Stock                       | 02/22/2012                           |  | M <sup>(1)</sup>               | 3,000 A   | \$ 15.88 6,887  | D  |   |
| Common Stock                       | 02/22/2012                           |  | S <sup>(1)</sup>               | 1,900 D   | \$ 25.1589 9,887  | D  |   |
| Shares held in Profit Sharing Plan |                                      |  |                                |   | 4,000   | 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                   | \$ 15.88   | 02/22/2012                           |  | M                              | 3,000   | (2) 05/09/2012   | Common Stock  | 3,000                         |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                           | Relationships |           |         |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| TAYLOR R JOHN<br>1411 E MISSION AVE<br>SPOKANE, WA 99202 |               | X         |         |       |

## Signatures

/s/ R. John  
Taylor  
02/24/2012  
Date

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

## 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 May 2012.
- (2) Options vest in four (4) equal installments beginning the first anniversary date of the grant. Mr. Taylor acquired the option grant May 2002.
- (3) Total reflects the number of derivative securities remaining for this particular grant. This does not reflect any other stock option grants.

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