

AVISTA CORP  
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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 \*  
**BURMEISTER SMITH CHRISTY M**

(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)  
**08/20/2008**

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)  
**VP Controller & Prin Acct Off.**

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  
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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)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	08/20/2008		M	3,700 A \$ 18.63	16,036	D	
Common Stock	08/20/2008		S	3,700 D \$ 23.3268	12,336	D	
Common Stock	08/20/2008		M	2,400 A \$ 16.91	14,736	D	
Common Stock	08/20/2008		S	2,400 D \$ 23.3367	12,336	D	
Common Stock	08/20/2008		M	10,000 A \$ 17.31	22,336	D	

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Common Stock	08/20/2008	S	10,000	D	\$ 23.1978	12,336	D	
Common Stock	08/20/2008	M	12,000	A	\$ 11.8	24,336	D	
Common Stock	08/20/2008	S	12,000	D	\$ 23.1936	12,336	D	
Common Stock	08/20/2008	M	4,500	A	\$ 10.17	16,836	D	
Common Stock	08/20/2008	S	4,500	D	\$ 23.1556	12,336	D	
Common Stock held in 401(k) Investment Plan						7,068	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	\$ 18.63	08/20/2008		M	3,700	<u>(1)</u> 11/12/2008	Common Stock	3,700
Exercise of Stock Option	\$ 16.91	08/20/2008		M	2,400	<u>(3)</u> 08/12/2009	Common Stock	2,400
Exercise of Stock Option	\$ 17.31	08/20/2008		M	10,000	<u>(4)</u> 11/11/2009	Common Stock	10,000
	\$ 11.8	08/20/2008		M	12,000	<u>(5)</u> 11/08/2011		12,000

Exercise of Stock Option							Common Stock	
Exercise of Stock Option	\$ 10.17	08/20/2008	M	4,500	<u>(6)</u>	11/07/2012	Common Stock	4,500

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BURMEISTER SMITH CHRISTY M 1411 E MISSION AVE SPOKANE, WA 99202			VP Controller & Prin Acct Off.	

## Signatures

/s/ Christy M.  
Burmeister-Smith

08/21/2008

\*\*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) Options vest in four equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date. 3,700 options were granted on 11/12/1998.
- (2) Total reflects the number of derivative securities remaining under this particular option grant.
- (3) Options vest in four equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date. 2,400 options were granted on 08/12/1999.
- (4) Options vest in four equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date. 10,000 options were granted on 11/11/1999.
- (5) Options vest in four equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date. 12,000 options were granted on 11/08/2001.
- (6) Options vest in four equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date. 9,000 options were granted on 11/07/2002.

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