

NORWOOD KELLY O
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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 *
 NORWOOD KELLY O

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)
 02/11/2010

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ 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. 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 Ownership (Instr. 4)		
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock - Restricted Shares	02/11/2010		A		1,300	A	4,965	D	
Common Stock held in 401(k) Investment Plan							9,638	I	by Trustee
Common Stock held by Spouse							3	I	by Spouse

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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
Performance Shares	(2)	02/11/2010		A	5,100	(3) (3)	Common Stock	5,100

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
NORWOOD KELLY O 1411 E MISSION AVE SPOKANE, WA 99202			Vice President	

Signatures

/s/ Kelly O.
Norwood
02/16/2010
**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) Restricted shares vest one-third each year over three-year period and are payable in Avista Corp. Common Stock at the end of each year in the three-year period.
- (2) No conversion price. Shares awarded if performance measure is met.
- (3) Each performance cycle is three years in length. Shares will be issued at the end of each three-year cycle if performance measure is met.

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