

WOODWORTH ROGER D
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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 *
WOODWORTH ROGER D

(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)
02/12/2009

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)
 Vice President

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 | (D) | Price |
| Common Stock - Restricted Shares | 02/12/2009 | | A | | 1,300 | A | 13,558 |
| Common Stock held in 401(k) Investment Plan | | | | | | I | 18,180 |
| Common Stock held in Executive | | | | | | I | 8,231 |

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Deferral Plan

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|--------------------------------------------------------------|-------|---|------------|
| Common Stock held by Son, Patrick Woodworth | 116 | I | by Child |
| Common Stock held by Son, Bryce Woodworth | 157 | I | by Child |
| Common Stock held by Daughter, Brianna Woodworth | 116 | I | by Child |
| Common Stock held in IRA | 400 | I | by Trustee |
| Common Stock held by Spouse in IRA | 1,000 | 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 |
|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| | | | | Code V (A) (D) | | Date Exercisable Expiration Date | Title | |
| Performance Shares | (2) | 02/12/2009 | | A | 5,100 | (3) (3) | Common Stock | 5,100 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|----------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| WOODWORTH ROGER D 1411 E MISSION AVE SPOKANE, WA 99202 | | | Vice President | |

Signatures

/s/ Roger D.
Woodworth

02/17/2009

__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 a 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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