

Thackston Jason R
Form 4
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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Thackston Jason R

(Last) (First) (Middle)

1411 E MISSION AVENUE

(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)
02/01/2018

4. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

Senior Vice President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
____X____ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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Person

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-Performance Shares	02/01/2018		M	2,151 A <u>(1)</u>	30,205	D	
Common Stock-Performance Shares	02/01/2018		F	524 <u>(2)</u> D \$ 50.08	29,681	D	
Common Stock-Restricted Shares	02/01/2018		A	2,063 A <u>(3)</u>	31,744	D	

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)			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Conversion of 2015 Performance Shares related to CEPS	(1)	02/01/2018		M		2,793		(1)	(1)	Common Stock	2,793
Performance Share Grant for 2018	(4)	02/01/2018		A		6,191		(5)	(5)	Common Stock	6,191

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Thackston Jason R 1411 E MISSION AVENUE SPOKANE, WA 99202			Senior Vice President	

Signatures

/s/Jason R.
Thackston

02/05/2018

**Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

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** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

(1) Each performance share represents a contingent right to receive a share of Avista Common Stock upon achieving a specified performance measure.

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- (2) Shares withheld to pay income tax on Performance Shares acquired 2/1/18.
- (3) Restricted Shares vest 1/3 each year over a 3-year period and are payable in Avista Corp. Common Stock at the end of each year in the 3-year period.
- (4) No conversion price. Shares awarded if performance measure is met.
- (5) Each performance cycle is 3 years in length. Shares will be issued at the end of each 3-year cycle if performance measure is met.

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