MORRIS SCOTT L

Form 4

January 16, 2018

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * MORRIS SCOTT L | | | 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) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction | (Chech an approach) | | | |
| 1411 E MISS | ION AVE | | (Month/Day/Year) 01/11/2018 | Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) Chairman and CEO | | | |
| | (Street) | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) | | | |
| SPOKANE, WA 99202 | | | | _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | |

| | (City) | (State) | (Zip) | Table I - Non- | Derivative | Securities | Acqu | ired, Dis | posed of, or Bend | eficially Own | ied |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|---|---|---|------------|--|---|---|---------------------------------|---------------|--------------------|
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8) | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | | |
| | | | | | Code V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | (Instr. 4) | |
| | Common Stock-Performa Shares | nce | 01/11/2018 | | M | 39,051 | A | <u>(1)</u> | 217,781 | D | |
| | Common Stock-Performa Shares | nce | 01/11/2018 | | F | 13,641 (2) | D | \$ 51.62 | 204,140 | D | |
| | Common Stock held in 401(k) F | | | | | | | | 164.64 | I | held 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 Dat (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of or Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exer Expiration D (Month/Day) | ate | 7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and | Securities |
|---|---|--|---|---|--|---|--------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Conversion of 2015 Performance Shares | (1) | 01/11/2018 | | M | 26,565 | <u>(1)</u> | <u>(1)</u> | Common Stock | 26,565 |

Reporting Owners

| Paparting Owner Name / Address | Relationships |
|--------------------------------|---------------|
| Panarting Owner Name / Address | • |

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

MORRIS SCOTT L 1411 E MISSION AVE SPOKANE, WA 99202

Chairman and CEO

Signatures

/s/Scott L. 01/16/2018 Morris

**Signature of Date
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) Each performance share represents a contingent right to receive a share of Avista Common Stock upon achieving a specified performance measure.
- (2) Shares withheld to pay income tax on Performance Shares acquired 1/11/18.

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