

TAYLOR R JOHN
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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 *
TAYLOR R JOHN

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)
05/10/2011

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

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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Common Stock | 05/10/2011 | | A ⁽¹⁾ | V Amount 2,000 (2) | (A) or (D) A \$ 24.99 (1) | 7,234 | D |
| Common Stock | 05/10/2011 | | M ⁽³⁾ | 3,000 | A \$ 20.11 | 10,234 | D |
| Common Stock | 05/10/2011 | | S ⁽³⁾ | 2,380 | D \$ 25.415 | 7,854 | D |
| Shares held in Deferral Account | | | | | | 5,496 | I by Trustee |
| Shares | | | | | | 4,000 | I by Trustee |

held in
Profit
Sharing
Plan

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. I | |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|-------|----------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Exercise of Stock Option | \$ 20.11 | 05/10/2011 | | M | 3,000 | <u>(4)</u> 05/10/2011 | Common Stock | 3,000 | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| TAYLOR R JOHN 1411 E MISSION AVE SPOKANE, WA 99202 | X | | | |

Signatures

/s/ R. John
Taylor 05/11/2011

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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- (1) Shares issued under the Long Term Incentive Plan (LTIP) as an award of stock for director compensation. The price per share (per the LTIP) is the closing price on May 9, 2011.
- (2) Shares issued as part of Mr. Tylor's director retainer.
- (3) Exercise and sale of Option Grant expiring 05/10/2011
- (4) Option vest in four (4) equal installments beginning the first anniversary date of the grant. Mr. Taylor acquired the option grant of 3,000 shares on 5/10/2001.
- (5) Total reflects the number of derivative securities remaining for this particular grant.

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