

ELY GARY G

Form 4

February 13, 2006

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 *
ELY GARY G

(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)
02/09/2006

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)

Chairman, President & CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
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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-Restricted Shares	02/09/2006		A	12,600	A (1) 12,600	D	
Common Stock-Performance Share Award	02/09/2006		M	77,280	A (2) 84,378	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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title	
Conversion of derivative security ⁽³⁾	\$ 17.8	02/09/2006		M	64,400	⁽³⁾ ⁽³⁾	Common Stock	64,400
Performance Shares	⁽⁴⁾	02/09/2006		A	47,600	⁽⁵⁾ ⁽⁵⁾	Common Stock	47,600

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
ELY GARY G 1411 E MISSION AVE SPOKANE, WA 99202	X Chairman, President & CEO

Signatures

/s/ Gary G. Ely 02/13/2006

⁽³⁾Signature of Reporting Person Date

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- * 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 if targets are met.
- (2) Shares are received in satisfaction of 2003 performance grant.
- (3) 2003 Performance Grant-disposition of Derivative Securities.
- (4) No conversation price - Shares awarded if performance measure is met.
- (5) 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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