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See Instruction

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading MORRIS SCOTT L Issuer Symbol AVISTA CORP [AVA] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify 1411 E MISSION AVE 01/05/2007 below) President & COO (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting SPOKANE, WA 99202 Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Securities Ownership Indirect (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially Form: Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) Direct (D) Ownership (Instr. 8) Owned Following or Indirect (Instr. 4) Reported (I) (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount Price Common Stock -01/05/2007 18,910 38,151 D M Α (1) Performance **Shares** Common Stock -4,161 01/05/2007 F 33,990 D (2) Performance Shares

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 or Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date Underlying Sec (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | Securities | |
|---|---|---|---|---|--|--|--------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------|
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Conversion of 2004 Performance Shares | <u>(1)</u> | 01/05/2007 | | M | 15,500 | <u>(1)</u> | <u>(1)</u> | Common Stock | 15,500 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address |
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Director 10% Owner Officer Other

MORRIS SCOTT L 1411 E MISSION AVE SPOKANE, WA 99202

President & COO

Signatures

/s/ Scott L. 01/09/2007 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 represented a contingent right to receive a share of Avista Common Stock upon Avista achieving a specified performance measure.
- (2) Shares sold to pay income tax on Performance Shares acquired on 1/5/2007.

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