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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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 Cox Bryan Alden Issuer Symbol AVISTA CORP [AVA] (Check all applicable) (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner Other (specify X_ Officer (give title 1411 E MISSION AVENUE 01/11/2018 below) Vice President (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)	(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. Securi on(A) or Di (Instr. 3,	ispose	d of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
	C				Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(I) (Instr. 4)			
	Common Stock-Performa Shares	ince	01/11/2018		M	1,426	A	<u>(1)</u>	2,336	D			
	Common Stock-Performa Shares	ince	01/11/2018		F	466 (2)	D	\$ 51.62	1,770	D			
	Common Stock held in 401(k) F								373.1263	I	held by Trustee		

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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 2.		3. Transaction Date		4.	5. Number	6. Date Exercisable and		7. Title and Amount of	
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactionof		Expiration Date		Underlying Securities	
Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		any (Month/Day/Year)	Code Derivative (Instr. 8) Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		(Month/Day/	rear)	(Instr. 3 and	4)
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Conversion of 2015 Performance Shares	(1)	01/11/2018		M	970	<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Common Stock	970

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Cox Bryan Alden

1411 E MISSION AVENUE Vice President SPOKANE, WA 99202

Signatures

/s/Bryan A. Cox 01/12/2018

**Signature of Date
Reporting Person

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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) 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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