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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

Stock held in

401(k) Plan

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Vermillion Dennis P Symbol AVISTA CORP [AVA] (Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

1411 E MISSION AVENUE 01/09/2017

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

Senior Vice President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

88.812

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Y Form filed by One Reporting Person

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(City)	(State) (Zip)	Table I	- Non-Der	ivative Se	curiti	es Acquir	ed, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securion(A) or D (Instr. 3,	ispose 4 and (A) or	d of (D)	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 - Performance Shares	01/09/2017		M	9,223	A	(1)	35,138	D	
Common Stock - Performance Shares	01/09/2017		F	2,515 (2)	D	\$ 39.02	32,623	D	
Common									hold by

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 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. 5. Number Transaction Derivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) 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)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Conversion of 2014 Performance Shares	(1)	01/09/2017		M	7,750	<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Common Stock	7,750

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Vermillion Dennis P

1411 E MISSION AVENUE Senior Vice President SPOKANE, WA 99202

Signatures

/s/Dennis P. 01/11/2017 Vermillion

**Signature of Reporting Date

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 1/09/17.

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