

AVISTA CORP  
Form 3  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

|   |         |                                      |  |  |
|---|---------|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * |         | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement | 3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol                         |  |
| Â THIES MARK T                            |         | (Month/Day/Year)                     | AVISTA CORP [AVA]  |  |
| (Last)                                    | (First) | 08/14/2008                           |  |  |
| 1411 E. MISSION AVENUE                    |         |                                      | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer                           | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)                   |
| (Street)                                  |         |                                      | (Check all applicable)   |  |
| SPOKANE,Â WAÂ 99202                       |         |                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner       | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)             |
| (City)                                    | (State) | (Zip)                                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person |
|   |         |                                      | (give title below) (specify below)   | <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person  |
|   |         |                                      | Sr. Vice President & CFO   |  |

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)                 | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|---|---|--|---|
| Common Stock                                    | 5,000   | D  | Â   |
| Common Stock - Restricted Shares <sup>(1)</sup> | 2,400   | D  | Â   |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
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|                         | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title        | Amount or Number of Shares | Security | Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) |
|-------------------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------------------|----------|---------------------------------------|
| Performance Share Grant | Â (2)            | Â (2)           | Common Stock | 12,500                     | \$ (3)   | D Â                                   |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                              | Relationships |           |                            |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|----------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                    | Other |
| THIES MARK T<br>1411 E. MISSION AVENUE<br>SPOKANE, WA 99202 | Â             | Â         | Â Sr. Vice President & CFO | Â     |

## Signatures

/s/ Mark T.  
Thies  
08/18/2008  
Date

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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.
- (2) Each performance cycle is three years in length. Shares are issued at the end of each three-year cycle if performance measure is met.
- (3) No conversion price - shares are awarded if performance measure is met.

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