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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Vermillion Dennis P			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol AVISTA CORP [AVA]					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last) 1411 E MISS	(Last) (First) (Middle) -11 E MISSION AVENUE			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/02/2017					Director 10% Owner Senior VP, Pres Avista Utiliti		
SPOKANE, '	(Street)	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)					6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting				
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table	I - Non-De	rivative S	ecurit	ties Aco	Person uired, Disposed o	of, or Reneficial	lly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction D (Month/Day/Yea	r) Execut any		3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securi	ties I (A) of I of (D 4 and (A) or	or O)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	•	
Stock - Restricted Shares	02/02/2017			A	4,300	A	(1)	36,923	D		
Shares held in 401(k) Plan								88.812	I	Held by Trustee	

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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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exer Expiration I (Month/Day	Pate	7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securities
				Code V	(A) (D	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Performance Share Grant for 2017	<u>(2)</u>	02/02/2017		A	12,900	(3)	(3)	Common Stock	12,900

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Vermillion Dennis P

1411 E MISSION AVENUE Senior VP, Pres Avista Utiliti

SPOKANE, WA 99202

Signatures

/s/ Dennis P. 02/03/2017 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) Restricted Shares vest 1/3 each year over a 3-year period and are payable in Avista Corp. Common Stock at the end of each year in the 3-year period.
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- (3) Each performance cycle is 3 years in length. Shares will be issued at the end of each 3-year cycle if performance measure is met.

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