

Nash Joshua Lionel
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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. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Nash Joshua Lionel

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 AVATAR HOLDINGS INC
 [AVTR]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 C/O ODAV LLC, 280 PARK AVENUE
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 05/27/2009

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 Chairman of the Board

NEW YORK, NY 10017

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(City) (State) (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. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | Code V Amount (A) or (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 05/27/2009 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | 435 A 17.85 | 1,275 | D | |
| | | | | | \$ (1) | | |

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)

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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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities 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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|

| | | | | | | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | |
|------------------------|-----|------------|--|------------------|---|------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|-----|
| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | | | |
| Restricted Stock Units | (2) | 05/27/2009 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | | 435 | 05/27/2009 | 05/27/2009 | Common Stock | 435 |
| Restricted Stock Units | (2) | 05/28/2009 | | A | | 840 | 05/28/2010 ⁽⁴⁾ | 05/28/2010 ⁽⁴⁾ | Common Stock | 840 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-----------------------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Nash Joshua Lionel C/O ODAV LLC 280 PARK AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10017 | X | | | Chairman of the Board |

Signatures

Juanita I. Kerrigan, attorney-in-fact for Joshua Nash 05/29/2009

__Signature of Reporting Person Date

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) Settlement of Restricted Stock Units upon vesting.
- (2) The units convert to Common Stock of the issuer on a 1-for-1 basis.
- (3) The zero ("0") in this column is a "dummy" amount, solely for the purpose of permitting the use of a descriptive footnote stating that the price is not applicable.
- (4) The units granted to the Reporting Person vest in full on the earlier of May 28, 2010 or the day immediately preceding the 2010 annual meeting of stockholders, provided that the Reporting Person is a member of the Issuer's board of directors on such date.

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