

COSTCO WHOLESALE CORP /NEW  
Form 8-K  
December 09, 2008

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

**FORM 8-K**  
**CURRENT REPORT**  
**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the**  
**Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported) December 5, 2008

**COSTCO WHOLESALE CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Washington**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**0-20355**  
(Commission  
File No.)  
**999 Lake Drive**

**91-1223280**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**Issaquah, WA 98027**

(Address of principal executive offices and zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 425-313-8100

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**Item 5.02 DEPARTURE OF DIRECTORS OR PRINCIPAL OFFICERS; ELECTION OF DIRECTORS; APPOINTMENT OF PRINCIPAL OFFICERS**

(d) On December 5, 2008, the Board of Directors of Costco Wholesale Corporation elected Mr. Jeffrey Raikes as a director to fill a newly-created vacancy on the board. Mr. Raikes was not appointed to serve as a member of any committees of the Board. Mr. Raikes compensation for his board service will be the standard fees paid to all non-executive board members and participation in the Company's Fourth Amended and Restated 2002 Equity Incentive Plan. Additional information concerning Mr. Raikes and his appointment to the Board of Directors is included in the press release attached hereto as an exhibit.

**Item 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.**

(d) Exhibits. The following exhibit is included in this report:

99.1. Press release dated December 9, 2008.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, hereunto duly authorized, on December 9, 2008.

COSTCO WHOLESALE CORPORATION

By: /s/ Richard A. Galanti  
Richard A. Galanti,  
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial  
Officer