

SINEGAL JAMES D  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
SINEGAL JAMES D

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
COSTCO WHOLESALE CORP /NEW [COST]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
999 LAKE DRIVE  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
10/18/2010

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

ISSAQUAH, WA 98027

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |        |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|--------|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount  | (A) or (D)   | Price   |        |
| Common Stock                    | 10/18/2010                           |  | M                              |   | 150,000   | A  | \$ 36.1875  |        |
| Common Stock                    | 10/18/2010                           |  | M                              |   | 150,000   | A  | \$ 39.65  |        |
| Common Stock                    | 10/18/2010                           |  | M                              |   | 150,000   | A  | \$ 30.41  |        |
| Common Stock                    | 10/18/2010                           |  | S                              |   | 325,000   | D  | (1) (2)   |        |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  | 1,280,649   |        |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  | I   | By LLC |

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|              |        |   |                  |
|--------------|--------|---|------------------|
| Common Stock | 39,491 | I | By GRAT          |
| Common Stock | 39,491 | I | By Spouse's GRAT |

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)

| 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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable Expiration Date                         | Title Amount of Number of Shares                              |
| Stock Option                               | \$ 36.1875   | 10/18/2010                           |  | M                              | 150,000   | 04/02/2001 04/02/2011                                    | Common Stock 150,000  |
| Stock Option                               | \$ 39.65   | 10/18/2010                           |  | M                              | 150,000   | 04/01/2002 04/01/2012                                    | Common Stock 150,000  |
| Stock Option                               | \$ 30.41   | 10/18/2010                           |  | M                              | 150,000   | 04/01/2003 04/01/2013                                    | Common Stock 150,000  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                          | Relationships |           |         |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| SINEGAL JAMES D<br>999 LAKE DRIVE<br>ISSAQUAH, WA 98027 | X             |           | CEO     |       |

## Signatures

Deanna K. Nakashima,  
attorney-in-fact

10/19/2010

\_\_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).

Shares sold as follows: 28526 @ 63.1500 800 @ 63.1501 1400 @ 63.1502 200 @ 63.1503 300 @ 63.1504 400 @ 63.1508 200 @ 63.1509 100 @ 63.1514 4300 @ 63.1550 6511 @ 63.1600 9095 @ 63.1700 3447 @ 63.1800 2366 @ 63.1900 92 @ 63.1950 30200 @ 63.2000 100 @ 63.2050 500 @ 63.2075 4400 @ 63.2100 117 @ 63.2105 100 @ 63.2109 100 @ 63.2150 11086 @ 63.2500 400 @

(1) 63.2501 200 @ 63.2504 200 @ 63.2506 100 @ 63.2507 3977 @ 63.2550 8432 @ 63.2600 100 @ 63.2601 9521 @ 63.2650 11047 @ 63.2700 600 @ 63.2701 100 @ 63.2703 100 @ 63.2704 100 @ 63.2710 7212 @ 63.2750 734 @ 63.2800 200 @ 63.2801 1300 @ 63.2900 400 @ 63.2950 75874 @ 63.3000 2000 @ 63.3001 800 @ 63.3002 400 @ 63.3003 200 @ 63.3004 100 @ 63.3005 100 @ 63.3006 100 @ 63.3007 100 @ 63.3010 100 @ 63.3025 9798 @ 63.3050 1200 @ 63.3075 24042 @ 63.3100 500 @ 63.3101

200 @ 63.3102 100 @ 63.3107 100 @ 63.3112 100 @ 63.3116 2905 @ 63.3150 12996 @ 63.3200 900 @ 63.3201 300 @ 63.3202 200 @ 63.3203 100 @ 63.3204 200 @ 63.3206 100 @ 63.3212 100 @ 63.3220 200 @ 63.3250 400 @ 63.3275 10283 @ 63.3300 4000 @ 63.3301 200 @ 63.3302 100 @ 63.3307 100 @ 63.3310 100 @ 63.3311 3001 @ 63.3350 1516 @ 63.3400 100 @ 63.3401 100 @

(2) 63.3407 800 @ 63.3450 900 @ 63.3500 300 @ 63.3550 1300 @ 63.3600 2000 @ 63.3601 100 @ 63.3604 1113 @ 63.3650 200 @ 63.3700 600 @ 63.3900 100 @ 63.3905 300 @ 63.3906 6123 @ 63.4000 200 @ 63.4001 300 @ 63.4002 200 @ 63.4005 300 @ 63.4006 76 @ 63.4007 37 @ 63.4050 1800 @ 63.4100 1100 @ 63.4200 3200 @ 63.4201 100 @ 63.4203 100 @ 63.4204 100 @ 63.4207 300 @ 63.4250 573 @ 63.4300

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