

COSTCO WHOLESALE CORP /NEW  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
DICERCHIO RICHARD 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)  
10/17/2009

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
Senior Executive VP

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                    | 10/17/2009                           |  | F                              |   | 1,658   | D  | \$ 58.48  |
| Common Stock                    | 10/19/2009                           |  | M                              |   | 18,000  | A  | \$ 49.8125  |
| Common Stock                    | 10/19/2009                           |  | M                              |   | 72,000  | A  | \$ 43   |
| Common Stock                    | 10/19/2009                           |  | S                              |   | 90,000  | D  | \$ 180,737  |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   | I  | 100 Dana DiCerchio                                    |

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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) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Stock Option                               | \$ 49.8125   | 10/19/2009                           |  | M                              | 18,000  | 03/13/2000 03/13/2010                                    | Common Stock  | 18,000                     |
| Stock Option                               | \$ 43  | 10/19/2009                           |  | M                              | 72,000  | 03/13/2000 03/13/2010                                    | Common Stock  | 72,000                     |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                              | Relationships |           |                     |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer             | Other |
| DICERCHIO RICHARD D<br>999 LAKE DRIVE<br>ISSAQUAH, WA 98027 | X             |           | Senior Executive VP |       |

## Signatures

Deanna K. Nakashima,  
attorney-in-fact

10/19/2009

\*\*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) No. of Shares Price 1700 59.1000 6200 59.1100 5100 59.1200 11337 59.1300 200 59.1325 7255 59.1400 100 59.1425 6950 59.1500 400 59.1525 16358 59.1600 100 59.1625 18500 59.1700 200 59.1725 14000 59.1800 1600 59.1900

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