

COSTCO WHOLESALE CORP /NEW  
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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)  
 03/17/2005

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

ISSAQUAH, WA 98027-8990

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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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 or Price		
Common Stock	03/17/2005		M		100,000 A \$ 6.6563	D	
Common Stock	03/17/2005		S		100,000 D \$ 0 (1)	D	
Common Stock					1,942,143	I	By LLC
Common Stock					230	I	By GRAT
Common Stock					230	I	By Spouse's GRAT

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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 Number of Shares
Stock Option	\$ 6.6563	03/17/2005		M	100,000	05/26/1995	05/25/2005	Common Stock	100,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SINEGAL JAMES D 999 LAKE DRIVE ISSAQUAH, WA 98027-8990	X		President and CEO	

## Signatures

James D Sinegal                      03/21/2005  
 \*\*Signature of                      Date  
 Reporting 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).

Number of Shares Price 700@ \$44.3400 3,736@ \$44.1854 100@ \$44.3500 3,100@ \$44.2648 1,780@ \$44.3900 5,200@ \$44.2263 76@ \$44.3200 87@ \$44.1200 20@ \$44.3400 3,800@ \$44.2861 2,100@ \$44.3300 188@ \$44.1400 700@ \$44.4000 300@ \$44.3700 100@ \$44.3200 153@ \$44.1800 2,100@ \$44.3576 100@ \$44.3800 2,532@ \$44.1000 186@ \$44.1700 4,678@ \$44.1498 1,254@ \$44.2300  
 (1) 100@ \$44.3100 200@ \$44.1800 4,400@ \$44.3098 100@ \$44.2800 2,116@ \$44.2338 100@ \$44.1900 3,376@ \$44.2285 4,342@ \$44.1726 58@ \$44.2400 18@ \$44.1000 2,100@ \$44.2824 100@ \$44.2200 14,957@ \$44.1100 7,796@ \$44.0957 100@ \$44.2900 11,155@ \$44.1200 100@ \$44.3000 3,400@ \$44.1300 1,930@ \$44.1205 3,686@ \$44.3198 200@ \$44.3100 114@ \$44.3400 200@ \$44.3300 100@ \$44.2900 1,100@ \$44.3264 100@ \$44.3300 5,062@ \$44.2257

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