

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)  
03/10/2010

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

ISSAQUAH, WA 98027

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	03/10/2010		M		150,000	A	\$ 52.5
Common Stock	03/10/2010		S		139,150	D	Ⓣ
Common Stock					1,280,649	I	By LLC
Common Stock					50,955	I	By GRAT
Common Stock					50,955	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	\$ 52.5	03/10/2010		M	150,000	04/03/2000	04/03/2010	Common Stock	150,000

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

Deanna K. Nakashima,  
attorney-in-fact

03/12/2010

\*\*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: 7450 @ 60.0000 6000 @ 60.0050 9300 @ 60.0100 13100 @ 60.0150 3600 @ 60.0200 1700 @ 60.0250 6600 @ 60.0300 1000 @ 60.0350 9683 @ 60.0400 2700 @ 60.0450 10785 @ 60.0500 1200 @ 60.0550 8400 @ 60.0600 700 @ 60.0650 1300 @ 60.0700 6200 @ 60.0750 7300 @ 60.0800 700 @ 60.0850 4000 @ 60.0900 800 @ 60.0950 5300 @ 60.1000 2100 @ 60.1050 3132 @ 60.1100 900 @ 60.1150 3100 @ 60.1200 100 @ 60.1250 600 @ 60.1300 600 @ 60.1400 300 @ 60.1500 245 @ 60.1600 400 @ 60.1650 500 @ 60.1700 100 @ 60.1800 600 @ 60.1850 1800 @ 60.1900 900 @ 60.1950 1400 @ 60.2000 300 @ 60.2050 1100 @ 60.2100 400 @ 60.2150 300 @ 60.2200 4200 @ 60.2250 2900 @ 60.2300 1300 @ 60.2350 1700 @ 60.2400 55 @ 60.2500 1700 @ 60.2550 300 @ 60.2600 300 @ 60.2700

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