

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)  
01/19/2011

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)
Common Stock	01/19/2011		S <sup>(1)</sup>	8,000 D	816,092	D	
Common Stock					1,280,649	I	By LLC
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)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

Deanna K. Nakashima,  
attorney-in-fact

01/19/2011

\_\_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) This sale was effected pursuant to a 10b5-1 trading plan.

Shares sold as follows: 100 @ 72.1400 600 @ 72.1500 300 @ 72.1600 500 @ 72.1700 500 @ 72.1800 670 @ 72.1900 930 @ 72.2000 400 @ 72.2100 200 @ 72.2200 110 @ 72.2300 200 @ 72.2400 200 @ 72.2500 300 @ 72.2800 200 @ 72.2900 400 @ 72.3000 199 @ 72.3098 1 @ 72.3200 290 @ 72.3301 100 @ 72.3500 100 @ 72.3600 100 @ 72.3700 1,100 @ 72.3800 100 @ 72.3900 100 @ 72.4000 100 @ 72.4100 100 @ 72.4600 100 @ 72.4700

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