

COSTCO WHOLESALE CORP /NEW  
Form 8-K  
October 08, 2008

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the**  
**Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported) October 8, 2008

**COSTCO WHOLESALE CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Washington**  
(State or other jurisdiction

**0-20355**  
(Commission

**91-1223280**  
(I.R.S. Employer

of incorporation)

File No.)  
**999 Lake Drive**

Identification No.)

**Issaquah, WA 98027**

(Address of principal executive offices and zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 425-313-8100

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- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition**

On October 8, 2008, the Company issued a press release containing its operating results for the 16 weeks (fourth quarter) and the 52 weeks (fiscal year) ended August 31, 2008, and its September sales results. A copy of the press release is included in Item 9.01.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(d) Exhibits. The following exhibits are included in this report:

- 99.1. Press release dated October 8, 2008.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, hereunto duly authorized, on October 8, 2008.

COSTCO WHOLESALE CORPORATION

By: /s/ Richard A. Galanti  
Richard A. Galanti

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial  
Officer