

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)  
 03/26/2009

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)

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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	03/26/2009		M	V Amount (A) or (D) Price \$ 44.9688	200,000 A \$ 44.9688	856,549	D
Common Stock	03/26/2009		S	V Amount (A) or (D) Price \$ 44.9688	200,000 D \$ 44.9688	656,549	D
Common Stock					1,396,594	I	By LLC
Common Stock					30,681	I	By GRAT
Common Stock					30,681	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	\$ 44.9688	03/26/2009		M	200,000	04/01/1999 04/01/2009	Common Stock	200,000	

## 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  
03/26/2009

\*\*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).

Shares sold as: 7833 @ 48.2200 50000 @ 48.2400 2610 @ 48.2500 5973 @ 48.2600 1805 @ 48.2700 2338 @ 48.2800 2782 @ 48.2900 2000 @ 48.3000 489 @ 48.3100 600 @ 48.3200 4200 @ 48.3300 1700 @ 48.3400 3500 @ 48.3500 3700 @ 48.3600 900 @ 48.3700 (1) 500 @ 48.3800 12298 @ 48.4000 4801 @ 48.4100 1300 @ 48.4200 1200 @ 48.4300 2401 @ 48.4400 18200 @ 48.4500 5800 @ 48.4600 700 @ 48.4700 500 @ 48.4800 19041 @ 48.5000 8206 @ 48.5100 15192 @ 48.5200 2821 @ 48.5300 900 @ 48.5400 1400 @ 48.5500 5210 @ 48.5600 5100 @ 48.5700 1227 @ 48.5800 373 @ 48.5900 640 @ 48.6000 1460 @ 48.6100 300 @ 48.6200

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