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See Instruction 1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading DICERCHIO RICHARD D Issuer Symbol COSTCO WHOLESALE CORP (Check all applicable) /NEW [COST] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction _X_ Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title _ __ Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) 999 LAKE DRIVE 11/01/2004 Senior Executive VP (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year)

ISSAQUAH, WA 98027-8990

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-	Derivative	Secui	rities Acquir	red, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) our Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or			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	11/01/2004		Code V M	Amount 24,000	(D)	Price \$ 13.4375	131,480	D	
Common Stock	11/01/2004		S	24,000	D	\$ 47.5137	107,480	D	

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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 Disposed (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Expiration Da (Month/Day/Y	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 or Number of Shares	
Stock Option	\$ 13.4375	11/01/2004		M	24,00	00 04/02/1997	04/02/2007	Common Stock	24,000	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
	Director	10% Owner	Officer		

Other

DICERCHIO RICHARD D

999 LAKE DRIVE X Senior Executive VP

ISSAQUAH, WA 98027-8990

Signatures

Richard D 11/02/2004 DiCerchio

**Signature of Date Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

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