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March 14, 2003

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person  
Portera, Joseph P.  
999 Lake Drive  
Issaquah, WA 98027-8990
2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
Costco Wholesale Corporation (COST)
3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)
4. Statement for Month/Year  
3/2003
5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)
6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  
( ) Director ( ) 10% Owner  
(X) Officer (give title below) ( ) Other (specify below)  
Executive VP
7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  
(X) Form filed by One Reporting Person  
( ) Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

TABLE I -- Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security	2. Trans- action Date (Month/ Day/ Year)	3. Trans- action Code V	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) Amount A/D Price	5. Amount Secu Bene Owe End Mont
Common Stock	03/14/2003	M	20000 A \$22.8750	
Common Stock	03/14/2003	S	-20000 D \$29.5000	0

TABLE II -- Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.
Title of Derivative Security	Price of Deriv- ative Security	Transac- tion Date (Month/ Day/Year)	Transac- tion Code Code V	Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) Disposed (D)	Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	Title and Amount of Underlying Securities or Number of Shares	Price
Stock Option	\$22.875	03/14/2003	M	20000	02/17/2008	Common Stock	20000

Explanation of Responses:

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SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON

/s/ Joseph P. Portera

DATE

03/14/2003