

COSTCO WHOLESALE CORP /NEW  
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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 \*  
**MOULTON PAUL G**

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)  
**01/14/2008**

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 Officer (give title below)  
 \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 \_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
**Executive VP**

**ISSAQUAH, WA 98027**

(City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 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 (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)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	01/14/2008		M	45,000	A \$ 37.35	80,415	D
Common Stock	01/14/2008		M	30,000	A \$ 43.79	110,415	D
Common Stock	01/14/2008		S	75,000	D <u>1</u>	35,415	D

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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option	\$ 43.79	01/14/2008		M	30,000	04/01/2005 04/01/2015	Common Stock	30,000
Stock Option	\$ 37.35	01/14/2008		M	45,000	04/01/2004 04/01/2014	Common Stock	45,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MOULTON PAUL G 999 LAKE DRIVE ISSAQUAH, WA 98027			Executive VP	

## Signatures

Deanna K. Nakashima,  
attorney-in-fact

01/14/2008

\_\_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).

Sold as follows: 300 @ 64.7200 2834 @ 64.7300 300 @ 64.7400 3700 @ 64.7600 5100 @ 64.7700 1143 @ 64.7800 1500 @ 64.8200 700 @ 64.8250 1000 @ 64.9000 3700 @ 64.9100 2905 @ 64.9200 3900 @ 64.9300 200 @ 64.9350 675 @ 64.9400 200 @ 64.9430 16 @ 64.9450 1320 @ 64.9500 1178 @ 64.9600 2722 @ 64.9700 1800 @ 64.9800 900 @ 64.9900 7500 @ 65.0000 400 @ 65.0050 500 @ 65.0070 2300 @ 65.0100 100 @ 65.0170 100 @ 65.0192 2300 @ 65.0200 500 @ 65.0300 1600 @ 65.0400 100 @ 65.0470 2000 @ 65.0500 100 @ 65.0550 300 @ 65.0600 100 @ 65.0700 400 @ 65.1000 1100 @ 65.1100 100 @ 65.1400 500 @ 65.1500 8200 @ 65.1600 300 @ 65.1650 1300 @ 65.1700 300 @ 65.1800 2300 @ 65.1900 2057 @ 65.2000 3850 @ 65.2100 300 @ 65.2700 300 @ 65.2775

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