MOULTON PAUL G

Form 4

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

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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 MOULTON PAUL G Issuer Symbol COSTCO WHOLESALE CORP (Check all applicable) /NEW [COST] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner X\_ Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) 999 LAKE DRIVE 10/09/2009 Executive VP (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

ISSAQUAH,	WA 98027	

(City)	(State)	(Zip) <b>Tabl</b>	e I - Non-D	Derivative S	Securi	ities Acqu	ired, 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)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired or(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)  (A) or Amount (D) Price			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	10/09/2009		M	15,000	A	\$ 37.35	70,269	D	
Common Stock	10/09/2009		M	15,000	A	\$ 43.79	85,269	D	
Common Stock	10/09/2009		S	30,000	D	<u>(1)</u>	55,269	D	

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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 on Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		onDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4,		onDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4,		ative Expiration Date ties (Month/Day/Year) red (A) posed of  3, 4,		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	\$ 37.35	10/09/2009		M		15,000	04/01/2004	04/01/2014	Common Stock	15,000				
Stock Option	\$ 43.79	10/09/2009		M		15,000	04/01/2005	04/01/2015	Common Stock	15,000				

# **Reporting Owners**

Panorting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
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Director 10% Owner Officer Other

MOULTON PAUL G 999 LAKE DRIVE ISSAQUAH, WA 98027

Executive VP

## **Signatures**

Deanna K. Nakashima, attorney-in-fact 10/12/2009

\*\*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).
- (1) No. of Shares Price 2082 58.5400 5271 58.5500 3692 58.5600 600 58.5700 1445 58.5800 6300 58.6000 1553 58.6100 1205 58.6200 3947 58.6400 3905 58.6500

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