

PETTERSON DAVID S  
 Form 4  
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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 \*  
 PETTERSON DAVID S

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)  
 10/22/2010

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 \_\_\_\_ Officer (give title below)  10% Owner  
 \_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Principal Accounting Officer

ISSAQUAH, WA 98027

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

(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)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	10/22/2010		F	662 D	\$ 64.03	30,588	D
Common Stock	10/22/2010		F	662 D	\$ 64.03	29,926	D
Common Stock	10/22/2010		A	12,500 (1) A	(2)	42,426	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	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)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu
								Amount or Number of Shares	
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	
						Code	V (A) (D)		

## Reporting Owners

### Reporting Owner Name / Address

### Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

PETERSON DAVID S  
 999 LAKE DRIVE  
 ISSAQUAH, WA 98027

Principal Accounting Officer

## Signatures

Deanna K. Nakashima,  
 attorney-in-fact

10/26/2010

\*\*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) Vests one-fifth on October 22, 2011 and one-fifth annually on October 22 for the following four years.

(2) Not applicable. Grant of Restricted Stock Units.

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