

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 \*  
**PORTERA JOSEPH P**

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)  
**04/01/2008**

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ 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)  
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**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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	04/01/2008		M		15,000	A	\$ 33.75
Common Stock	04/01/2008		M		15,000	A	\$ 37.35
Common Stock	04/01/2008		M		15,000	A	\$ 43.79
Common Stock	04/01/2008		S		45,000	D	<u>(1)</u> <u>(2)</u> 34,622

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	\$ 37.35	04/01/2008		M	15,000	04/01/2004 04/01/2014	Common Stock	15,000
Stock Option	\$ 43.79	04/01/2008		M	15,000	04/01/2005 04/01/2015	Common Stock	15,000
Stock Option	\$ 33.75	04/01/2008		M	15,000	04/01/2003 04/01/2013	Common Stock	15,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
PORTERA JOSEPH P 999 LAKE DRIVE ISSAQUAH, WA 98027			Executive VP	

## Signatures

Deanna K. Nakashima,  
attorney-in-fact

04/02/2008

\_\_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).

Shares sold as: 349 @ 65.19 2500 @ 65.21 1500 @ 65.22 3106 @ 65.23 1900 @ 65.24 2845 @ 65.25 1700 @ 65.26 1616 @ 65.27 1453  
(1) @ 65.28 1645 @ 65.29 1039 @ 65.30 4780 @ 65.31 1980 @ 65.32 700 @ 65.33 450 @ 65.34 1177 @ 65.35 1513 @ 65.36 300 @ 65.37  
1035 @ 65.38 65 @ 65.39

Shares sold as (continued): 300 @ 65.400 100 @ 65.420 800 @ 65.430 100 @ 65.440 100 @ 65.445 1261 @ 65.450 139 @ 65.460 2530  
(2) @ 65.490 1970 @ 65.500 100 @ 65.510 600 @ 65.520 200 @ 65.530 100 @ 65.550 2400 @ 65.560 200 @ 65.570 100 @ 65.600 100 @  
65.610 400 @ 65.620 400 @ 65.630 300 @ 65.640 400 @ 65.660 347 @ 65.670 400 @ 65.700

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