

SINEGAL JAMES D  
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 \*  
SINEGAL JAMES D

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)  
03/18/2010

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
President and CEO

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock	03/18/2010		S <sup>(1)</sup>	8,000 D	719,647	D	
Common Stock					1,280,649	I	By LLC
Common Stock					50,955	I	By GRAT
Common Stock					50,955	I	By Spouse's GRAT

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)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 5)
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## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SINEGAL JAMES D 999 LAKE DRIVE ISSAQUAH, WA 98027	X		President and CEO	

## Signatures

Deanna K. Nakashima,  
attorney-in-fact

03/19/2010

\_\_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) This sale was effected pursuant to a 10b5-1 trading plan.  
Shares were sold as follows: 100 \$60.9500 100 \$60.9600 200 \$60.9900 300 \$61.0000 200 \$61.0100 300 \$61.0200 100 \$61.0400 100 \$61.0600 200 \$61.0800 100 \$61.0900 200 \$61.1000 100 \$61.1100 100 \$61.1200 300 \$61.1300 300 \$61.1400 300 \$61.1500 200 \$61.1600 300 \$61.1700 300 \$61.1800 500 \$61.1900 300 \$61.2000 300 \$61.2100 500 \$61.2200 200 \$61.2300 100 \$61.2400 400 \$61.2500 100 \$61.2600 400 \$61.2700 300 \$61.2800 200 \$61.2900 100 \$61.3000 100 \$61.3100 200 \$61.3200 100 \$61.3300 100 \$61.3500 100 \$61.3600 200 \$61.3900

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