RUCKELSHAUS JILL S

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol COSTCO WHOLESALE CORP /NEW [COST]				C	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last) P.O. BOX 7	(1			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/27/2011				_X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)			
				If Amendment, Date Original ed(Month/Day/Year)				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person			
MEDINA,	WA 98039							Form filed by M Person	Iore than One Re	porting	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tabl	le I - Non-D	erivative S	Securi	ities Acqu	uired, Disposed of	, or Beneficial	ly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Da (Month/Day/Year	e) Execution any	med on Date, if Day/Year)	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securition(A) or Dis (Instr. 3, 4	sposed	of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	05/27/2011			Code V M	Amount 12,000	(D)	Price \$ 39.65	(Instr. 3 and 4) 30,566	D		
Common Stock	05/27/2011			S	12,000	D	<u>(1)</u>	18,566	D		

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of ctionDerivative Securities 3) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		Expiration Date		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	\$ 39.65	05/27/2011		M		12,000	04/01/2002	04/01/2012	Common Stock	12,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
RUCKELSHAUS JILL S P.O. BOX 76 MEDINA, WA 98039	X						

Signatures

Deanna K. Nakashima, attorney-in-fact 05/31/2011

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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- * 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) Shares sold as follows: 804 @ 81.4600 5232 @ 81.4700 3342 @ 81.4800 2032 @ 81.4900 590 @ 81.5000

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