

SINEGAL JAMES D  
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**FORM 4**

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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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 02/15/2012

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

999 LAKE DRIVE  
 (Street)

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

ISSAQUAH, WA 98027  
 (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)	Price		
Common Stock	02/15/2012		S <sup>(1)</sup>	V	16,000	D	②
Common Stock					879,367	D	
Common Stock					942,708	I	By LLC
Common Stock					94,772	I	By GRAT
Common Stock					94,772	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)
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
						Code	V	(A)	(D)

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

Deanna K. Nakashima,  
attorney-in-fact

02/17/2012

    \*\*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 sold as follows: 400 @ 83.4307 300 @ 83.4400 600 @ 83.4600 200 @ 83.4700 300 @ 83.4800 100 @ 83.4900 325 @ 83.5000 178 @ 83.5004 100 @ 83.5009 100 @ 83.5100 400 @ 83.5400 1100 @ 83.5500 500 @ 83.5700 300 @ 83.6100 300 @ 83.6900 400 @ 83.7100 100 @ 83.7150 100 @ 83.7197 200 @ 83.7200 100 @ 83.7250 1200 @ 83.7800 47 @ 83.8200 100 @ 83.8295 130 @ 83.8500 300 @ 83.8600 100 @ 83.8900 200 @ 83.9000 800 @ 83.9800 500 @ 84.0107 400 @ 84.2700 620 @ 84.2800 500 @ 84.2900 100 @ 84.3000 200 @ 84.3400 100 @ 84.3700 26 @ 84.3900 100 @ 84.4000 174 @ 84.4100 3700 @ 84.4800 100 @ 84.5000 300 @ 84.5100 200 @ 84.5200

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