

COSTCO WHOLESALE CORP /NEW
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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 *
BROTMAN JEFFREY H

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)
 11/10/2008

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 Chairman of the Board

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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| Common Stock | 11/10/2008 | | M | A | \$ 36.1875 | 200,981 | D |
| Common Stock | 11/10/2008 | | S | D | \$ 53.89 | 175,981 | D |
| Common Stock | 11/10/2008 | | S | D | \$ 53.855 | 150,981 | D |
| Common Stock | 11/10/2008 | | S | D | \$ 53.66 | 125,981 | D |
| Common Stock | 11/10/2008 | | S | D | \$ 53.543 | 100,981 | D |

| | | | |
|-----------------|--------------|---|---|
| Common Stock | 1,186,703.04 | I | 1984 Brotman Family Trust <u>(1)</u> |
| Common Stock | 20 | I | Justin Brotman |

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) | | |
|---|--|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|--|---|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount Number of Shares |
| Stock Option | \$ 36.1875 | 11/10/2008 | | M | 100,000 | 04/02/2001 | 04/02/2011 | Common Stock | 100,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| BROTMAN JEFFREY H 999 LAKE DRIVE ISSAQUAH, WA 98027 | X | | Chairman of the Board | |

Signatures

Deanna K. Nakashima,
attorney-in-fact

11/12/2008

__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).

(1) Mr. Brotman disclaims beneficial ownership of shares by the trust. Mr. Brotman is not a trustee of this trust nor does he have investment control over the trust's assets. Mr. Brotman is one of a number of beneficiaries of the trust.

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