

SINEGAL JAMES D

Form 4

March 26, 2009

**FORM 4****UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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See Instruction  
1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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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)  
03/26/2009

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

President and CEO

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<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or<br>Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Common<br>Stock                       | 03/26/2009                              |                                                             | M                                    | 200,000 A                                                               | \$<br>44.9688                                                                                                      | 856,549                                                                 | D                                                                 |
| Common<br>Stock                       | 03/26/2009                              |                                                             | S                                    | 200,000 D                                                               | 44.9688                                                                                                            | 656,549                                                                 | D                                                                 |
| Common<br>Stock                       |                                         |                                                             |                                      |                                                                         |                                                                                                                    | 1,396,594                                                               | I By LLC                                                          |
| Common<br>Stock                       |                                         |                                                             |                                      |                                                                         |                                                                                                                    | 30,681                                                                  | I By<br>GRAT                                                      |
| Common<br>Stock                       |                                         |                                                             |                                      |                                                                         |                                                                                                                    | 30,681                                                                  | I By<br>Spouse's<br>GRAT                                          |

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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                               | \$ 44.9688                                             | 03/26/2009                           |                                                    | M                              | 200,000                                                                                 | 04/01/1999 04/01/2009                                    | Common Stock 200,000                                          |

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

Deanna K. Nakashima,  
attorney-in-fact 03/26/2009

\_\_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: 7833 @ 48.2200 50000 @ 48.2400 2610 @ 48.2500 5973 @ 48.2600 1805 @ 48.2700 2338 @ 48.2800 2782 @ 48.2900 2000 @ 48.3000 489 @ 48.3100 600 @ 48.3200 4200 @ 48.3300 1700 @ 48.3400 3500 @ 48.3500 3700 @ 48.3600 900 @ 48.3700 (1) 500 @ 48.3800 12298 @ 48.4000 4801 @ 48.4100 1300 @ 48.4200 1200 @ 48.4300 2401 @ 48.4400 18200 @ 48.4500 5800 @ 48.4600 700 @ 48.4700 500 @ 48.4800 19041 @ 48.5000 8206 @ 48.5100 15192 @ 48.5200 2821 @ 48.5300 900 @ 48.5400 1400 @ 48.5500 5210 @ 48.5600 5100 @ 48.5700 1227 @ 48.5800 373 @ 48.5900 640 @ 48.6000 1460 @ 48.6100 300 @ 48.6200

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