

COSTCO WHOLESALE CORP /NEW  
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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 \*  
**PORTERA JOSEPH P**

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)  
 04/10/2006

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Executive VP

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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	04/10/2006		M		15,000	A	\$ 38.79
Common Stock	04/10/2006		M		15,000	A	\$ 30.41
Common Stock	04/10/2006		M		15,000	A	\$ 37.35
Common Stock	04/10/2006		M		15,000	A	\$ 43.79
Common Stock	04/10/2006		S		60,000	D	\$ 55 0

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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 or Number of Shares
Stock Option	\$ 38.79	04/10/2006		M	15,000	04/02/2002	04/02/2012	Common Stock	15,000
Stock Option	\$ 30.41	04/10/2006		M	15,000	04/01/2003	04/01/2013	Common Stock	15,000
Stock Option	\$ 37.35	04/10/2006		M	15,000	04/01/2004	04/01/2014	Common Stock	15,000
Stock Option	\$ 43.79	04/10/2006		M	15,000	04/01/2005	04/01/2015	Common Stock	15,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
PORTERA JOSEPH P 999 LAKE DRIVE ISSAQUAH, WA 98027			Executive VP	

## Signatures

Deanna K. Nakashima,  
attorney-in-fact

04/11/2006

\*\*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).

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