

BROTMAN JEFFREY H  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
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)  
10/17/2008

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

ISSAQUAH, WA 98027

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

(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)			
			Code	V	Amount (A) or (D) Price					
Common Stock	10/17/2008		A		50,000 (1)	A	108,237	D		
Common Stock	10/17/2008		F		3,645	D	\$ 57.98	104,592	D	
Common Stock	10/19/2008		F		3,611	D	\$ 57.98	100,981	D	
Common Stock								100,981	D	
Common Stock								1,186,703.04 (3)	I	1984 Brotman Family

Common Stock		20	I	Trust Justin Brotman
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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)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 6)
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## 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

10/21/2008

\_\_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).
- Grant was initially made in October 2007 subject to performance conditions concerning fiscal 2008, which were recently deemed satisfied
- (1) by the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors. Vests one-fifth on October 17, 2008 and one-fifth annually on October 17 for the following four years.

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- (2) Not applicable. Grant of Restricted Stock Units.
- (3) Mr. Brotman disclaims beneficial ownership of shares owned by this trust. Mr. Brotman is not a trustee of this trust nor does he have invested control over the trustee's assets. Mr. Brotman is one of a number of beneficiaries of the trust.

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