

SINEGAL JAMES D  
 Form 4  
 December 18, 2008

**FORM 4**

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

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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)  
 999 LAKE DRIVE  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 12/15/2008

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

ISSAQUAH, WA 98027

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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(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	12/15/2008		S		50,000	D	<u>(1)</u> <u>(2)</u> 579,766
Common Stock	12/15/2008		S		150,000	D	<u>(3)</u> <u>(4)</u> <u>(5)</u> 1,519,181
						I	By LLC

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. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repor Trans (Instr
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

Deanna K. Nakashima, attorney-in-fact 12/15/2008

\_\_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) Quantity Share Price 1000 \$52.2800 100 \$52.2900 7447 \$52.3000 769 \$52.3100 330 \$52.3200 1801 \$52.3300 6206 \$52.3400 2400 \$52.3500 2800 \$52.3600 1550 \$52.3700 2450 \$52.3800 5652 \$52.3900 1895 \$52.4000 100 \$52.4050 500 \$52.4100 1200 \$52.5800 3600 \$52.6000 400 \$52.6100 300 \$52.6300 1200 \$52.6500 200 \$52.6600 1000 \$52.6700 100 \$52.6800 900 \$52.7000
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- (3) Quantity Share Price 596 \$52.1300 200 \$52.1500 800 \$52.1600 100 \$52.1700 100 \$52.1800 600 \$52.2100 1800 \$52.2200 1200 \$52.2300 384 \$52.2400 2416 \$52.2500 475 \$52.2600 5600 \$52.2700 200 \$52.2800 1200 \$52.2900 10302 \$52.3000 2698 \$52.3100 1000 \$52.3200 100 \$52.3300 300 \$52.3400 6501 \$52.3500 100 \$52.3525 3500 \$52.3600 700 \$52.3650 2669 \$52.3700 8300 \$52.3800 400 \$52.3850 6996 \$52.3900 2800 \$52.4000 4 \$52.4100
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