

MEISENBACH JOHN W  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
MEISENBACH JOHN W

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)  
1325 4TH AVE., SUITE 2100  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
03/05/2010

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

SEATTLE, WA 98101

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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	03/05/2010		M		12,000	A	\$ 52.5
Common Stock	03/05/2010		S		12,000	D	(1)
Common Stock	03/08/2010		S		30,640	D	(2)
						I	Trustee - RTMT Trust

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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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option	\$ 52.5	03/05/2010		M	12,000	04/03/2000 04/03/2010	Common Stock	12,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MEISENBACH JOHN W 1325 4TH AVE., SUITE 2100 SEATTLE, WA 98101		X		

## Signatures

Deanna K. Nakashima,  
attorney-in-fact

03/08/2010

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\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

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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) Shares sold as follows: 500 @ 60.630 300 @ 60.650 200 @ 60.670 900 @ 60.680 800 @ 60.690 900 @ 60.695 800 @ 60.700 260 @ 60.710 1100 @ 60.720 900 @ 60.730 2840 @ 60.740 500 @ 60.750 300 @ 60.760 300 @ 60.780 900 @ 60.800 500 @ 60.810
- (2) Shares sold as follows: 13300 @ 60.7100 5434 @ 60.7166 5050 @ 60.7249 446 @ 60.7300 100 @ 60.7302 6010 @ 60.7400 300 @ 60.7401

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