

COSTCO WHOLESALE CORP /NEW

Form 8-K

October 07, 2004

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported) October 7, 2004

COSTCO WHOLESALE CORPORATION.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Washington
(State or other jurisdiction

of incorporation)

0-20355
(Commission File No.)

91-1223280
(I.R.S. Employer

Identification No.)

999 Lake Drive

Issaquah, WA 98027

(Address of principal executive offices and zip code)

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Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 425-313-8100

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 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits. The following exhibits are included in this report:

99.1. Press release dated October 7, 2004.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Issaquah, State of Washington, on October 7, 2004.

COSTCO WHOLESALE CORPORATION

By: /s/ Richard A. Galanti

Richard A. Galanti, Executive Vice

President and Chief Financial Officer