

COSTCO WHOLESALE CORP /NEW
Form 8-K
April 26, 2006

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) April 25, 2006

COSTCO WHOLESALE CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Washington
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

0-20355
(Commission File No.)
999 Lake Drive

91-1223280
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

Issaquah, WA 98027

(Address of principal executive offices and zip code)

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

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- .. Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 8.01 OTHER EVENTS

The Board of Directors of the registrant declared a quarterly cash dividend of 13 cents per share of Costco Wholesale common stock, an increase over the prior quarter's dividend of 11.5 cents per share. The dividend is payable on May 26, 2006, to shareholders of record at the close of business on May 10, 2006.

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

99.1 Press release dated April 25, 2006.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, hereunto duly authorized.

COSTCO WHOLESALE CORPORATION

Date: April 25, 2006

By: /s/ Richard A. Galanti
Richard A. Galanti,

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer