

COSTCO WHOLESALE CORP /NEW  
Form 8-K  
October 29, 2014

**UNITED STATES**  
**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 28, 2014**

**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.)**

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**Issaquah, WA 98027**

**(Address of principal executive offices and zip code)**

**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))

**Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

On October 28, 2014, the Compensation Committee (the Committee) of the Board of Directors of Costco Wholesale Corp. (the Company) approved the fiscal 2015 performance criteria for bonuses to executive officers. Under these criteria, executive officers are eligible to receive bonuses, up to \$200,000 depending on the individual, based on the achievement of specified targets relating to pre-tax income and operational characteristics relevant to the executive's area of responsibility. See Exhibit 10.1. The bonus amounts will be recommended by the Chief Executive Officer, subject to further approval of the Committee, based on the performance criteria referenced above.

**Item 8.01. Other Events**

The Board of Directors declared a quarterly cash dividend on the Company's common stock. The dividend of 35.5 cents per share declared on October 28, 2014, is payable November 28, 2014, to shareholders of record at the close of business on November 14, 2014.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(d) Exhibits. The following exhibit is included in this report:

- 10.1. Fiscal 2015 Executive Bonus Plan.
- 99.1. Press release dated October 28, 2014.

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, on October 29, 2014.

COSTCO WHOLESALE CORPORATION

By: /s/ Richard A. Galanti  
Richard A. Galanti  
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer