

Murphy James P.
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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 *
Murphy James P.

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)
10/03/2011

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Executive VP

ISSAQUAH, WA 98027

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 (D) Price		
Common Stock	10/03/2011		A		25,000 (1)	A	(2) 77,912 D

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)

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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.	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
					Transaction Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title or Number of Shares
				Code	V (A) (D)				

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	<input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other
Murphy James P. 999 LAKE DRIVE ISSAQUAH, WA 98027	Executive VP

Signatures

Deanna K. Nakashima, attorney-in-fact	10/03/2011
**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) Grant was initially made in October 2010 subject to performance conditions concerning fiscal 2011, which have been deemed satisfied by the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors. The shares of restricted stock subject to performance conditions vest ratably over a four year period from satisfaction based on continued employment with the Company. In addition, under the Stock Incentive Plan, long term employees are eligible for accelerated vesting upon the anniversary of their 25th, 30th and 35th years of service.
- (2) Not applicable. Grant of Restricted Stock Units.

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