

GALANTI RICHARD A  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
GALANTI RICHARD A

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)  
11/09/2009

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
Executive VP and CFO

ISSAQUAH, WA 98027  
(City) (State) (Zip)

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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**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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price
Common Stock	11/09/2009		M		20,000	A	\$ 43 77,105
Common Stock	11/09/2009		M		15,000	A	\$ 34.28 92,105
Common Stock	11/09/2009		M		10,000	A	\$ 49.8125 102,105
Common Stock	11/09/2009		S		45,000	D	(1) 57,105

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)

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	\$ 43	11/09/2009		M	20,000	03/13/2000 03/13/2010	Common Stock	20,000
Stock Option	\$ 34.28	11/09/2009		M	15,000	04/24/2001 04/24/2011	Common Stock	15,000
Stock Option	\$ 49.8125	11/09/2009		M	10,000	03/13/2000 03/13/2010	Common Stock	10,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GALANTI RICHARD A 999 LAKE DRIVE ISSAQUAH, WA 98027		X	Executive VP and CFO	

## Signatures

Deanna K. Nakashima,  
attorney-in-fact

11/10/2009

\_\_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).

No. of Shares Price 3,440 \$60.0400 3,775 \$60.0600 800 \$60.0700 3,284 \$60.0800 7,600 \$60.0900 3,900 \$60.1000 1,201 \$60.1100 700 \$60.1200 300 \$60.1300 100 \$60.1600 3,400 \$60.1700 4,100 \$60.1800 400 \$60.1900 1,900 \$60.2000 100 \$60.2100 4,411 \$60.2600 700 \$60.2700 4,589 \$60.2800 300 \$60.2900

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