

COSTCO WHOLESALE CORP /NEW  
Form 8-K  
October 09, 2009

**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 8, 2009

**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 8.01. Other Events**

The Board of Directors of the registrant declared a quarterly cash dividend on Costco Wholesale Corp. common stock. The dividend of \$.18 per share declared on October 8, 2009, is payable November 6, 2009, to shareholders of record at the close of business on October 23, 2009.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits**

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

99.1. Press release dated October 8, 2009.

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 8, 2009.

COSTCO WHOLESALE CORPORATION

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