

WALKER THOMAS KIRK  
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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 \*  
WALKER THOMAS KIRK

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)  
10/14/2011

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 Officer (give title below)  
\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_ 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)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	10/14/2011		M	44,000 A \$ 43.79	297,763	D	
Common Stock	10/14/2011		S	44,000 D 43.79	253,763	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)

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)
Stock Option	\$ 43.79	10/14/2011		M	44,000	04/01/2005 04/01/2015	Common Stock 44,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
WALKER THOMAS KIRK 999 LAKE DRIVE ISSAQUAH, WA 98027			Executive VP	

## Signatures

Deanna K. Nakashima,  
attorney-in-fact

10/17/2011

\_\_\_\_\_\*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).

Shares sold as follows: 700 @ 81.1900 600 @ 81.2000 500 @ 81.2100 521 @ 81.2200 755 @ 81.2300 1324 @ 81.2400 2196 @ 81.2500 1977 @ 81.2600 1248 @ 81.2700 1306 @ 81.2800 1180 @ 81.2900 7677 @ 81.3000 100 @ 81.3002 100 @ 81.3003 100 @ 81.3010 (1) 100 @ 81.3013 100 @ 81.3014 100 @ 81.3025 200 @ 81.3040 100 @ 81.3044 1258 @ 81.3050 3303 @ 81.3100 200 @ 81.3112 100 @ 81.3118 100 @ 81.3125 200 @ 81.3126 200 @ 81.3131 6000 @ 81.3150 200 @ 81.3180 7355 @ 81.3200 100 @ 81.3201 100 @ 81.3206 100 @ 81.3223 100 @ 81.3225 3410 @ 81.3250 290 @ 81.3300 100 @ 81.3400

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