

SINEGAL JAMES D  
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 \*  
SINEGAL JAMES D

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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
04/18/2012

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

999 LAKE DRIVE  
(Street)

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

ISSAQUAH, WA 98027

(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                    | 04/18/2012                           |  | S <sup>(1)</sup>               |   | 16,000  | D  | 12                                | 867,573 | D |                  |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  |                                   | 942,708 | I | By LLC           |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  |                                   | 84,669  | I | By GRAT          |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  |                                   | 84,669  | I | By Spouse's GRAT |

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) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 6) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|
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## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                          | Relationships |           |         |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| SINEGAL JAMES D<br>999 LAKE DRIVE<br>ISSAQUAH, WA 98027 |               | X         |         |       |

## Signatures

Deanna K. Nakashima,  
attorney-in-fact

04/18/2012

\_\_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) This sale was effected pursuant to a 10b5-1 trading plan.

Shares sold as follows: 200 @ 87.1900 97 @ 87.2000 100 @ 87.2200 100 @ 87.2250 100 @ 87.2300 200 @ 87.2500 100 @ 87.2600 100 @ 87.2700 5500 @ 87.3000 100 @ 87.3300 100 @ 87.3400 100 @ 87.3600 100 @ 87.3700 200 @ 87.3900 200 @ 87.4000 200 @ 87.4200 200 @ 87.4300 100 @ 87.4500 300 @ 87.4800 500 @ 87.4900 100 @ 87.5000 400 @ 87.5050 300 @ 87.5100 600 @ 87.5200 300 @ 87.5300 100 @ 87.5700 400 @ 87.5900 400 @ 87.6000 1203 @ 87.6100 700 @ 87.6300 200 @ 87.6400 700 @ 87.6500 400 @ 87.6600 300 @ 87.6700 300 @ 87.6800 200 @ 87.6901 300 @ 87.7000 100 @ 87.7100 300 @ 87.7200 100 @ 87.7600

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