

MEISENBACH JOHN W  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
MEISENBACH JOHN W

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)  
1325 4TH AVE., SUITE 2100  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
05/27/2011

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

SEATTLE, WA 98101

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

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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	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	05/27/2011		M		12,000	A	\$ 39.65
Common Stock	05/27/2011		M		2,300	A	\$ 37.35
Common Stock	05/27/2011		M		12,000	A	\$ 43.79
Common Stock	05/27/2011		S		26,300	D	Ⓣ
Common Stock							50,000
						I	Trustee - RTMT Trust

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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	\$ 39.65	05/27/2011		M	12,000	04/01/2002 04/01/2012	Common Stock	12,000
Stock Option	\$ 37.35	05/27/2011		M	2,300	04/01/2004 04/01/2014	Common Stock	2,300
Stock Option	\$ 43.79	05/27/2011		M	12,000	04/01/2005 04/01/2015	Common Stock	12,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MEISENBACH JOHN W 1325 4TH AVE., SUITE 2100 SEATTLE, WA 98101		X		

## Signatures

Deanna K. Nakashima,  
attorney-in-fact

05/31/2011

\_\_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) Shares sold as follows: 1619 @ 80.8100 500 @ 80.8101 100 @ 80.8200 100 @ 80.8300 200 @ 80.8301 100 @ 80.8307 381 @ 80.8400 500 @ 80.8401 1500 @ 80.8600 600 @ 80.8900 700 @ 80.9200 700 @ 80.9201 5540 @ 80.9300 860 @ 80.9311 800 @ 80.9400 100 @ 80.9401 400 @ 80.9450 700 @ 80.9600 100 @ 80.9700 1000 @ 81.0410 100 @ 81.0900 100 @ 81.1000 100 @ 81.1200 200 @ 81.1501 100 @ 81.1600 100 @ 81.2000 100 @ 81.2003 600 @ 81.2136 200 @ 81.2412 200 @ 81.2516 400 @ 81.2562 300 @ 81.2800 300 @ 81.2900 900 @ 81.3000 400 @ 81.3200 100 @ 81.3206 400 @ 81.3209 200 @ 81.3300 300 @ 81.3400 200 @ 81.3511 500 @ 81.3520

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200 @ 81.3600 200 @ 81.3750 825 @ 81.3878 175 @ 81.3900 200 @ 81.3904 300 @ 81.4000 100 @ 81.4116 500 @ 81.4140 900 @  
81.4300 500 @ 81.4400 100 @ 81.4405

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