

MOULTON PAUL G  
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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 \*  
MOULTON PAUL G

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)  
04/24/2008

\_\_\_\_ 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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Price   |  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 04/24/2008                           |  | M                              | V   | 15,000 \$ 37.35   | A  | 49,531 D  |
| Common Stock                    | 04/24/2008                           |  | M                              | V   | 15,000 \$ 43.79   | A  | 64,531 D  |
| Common Stock                    | 04/24/2008                           |  | S                              |   | 30,000 <u>1</u>   | D  | 34,531 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) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Stock Option                               | \$ 37.35   | 04/24/2008                           |  | M                              | 15,000  | 04/01/2004 04/01/2014                                    | Common Stock  | 15,000                     |
| Stock Option                               | \$ 43.79   | 04/24/2008                           |  | M                              | 15,000  | 04/01/2005 04/01/2015                                    | Common Stock  | 15,000                     |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                         | Relationships |           |              |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|--------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer      | Other |
| MOULTON PAUL G<br>999 LAKE DRIVE<br>ISSAQUAH, WA 98027 |               |           | Executive VP |       |

## Signatures

Deanna K. Nakashima,  
attorney-in-fact

04/24/2008

\_\_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) Sold as: 154 @ 69.2300 2100 @ 69.2350 300 @ 69.2400 346 @ 69.2500 2259 @ 69.2700 1900 @ 69.2750 200 @ 69.2800 800 @ 69.3000 300 @ 69.3050 900 @ 69.3200 1200 @ 69.3300 400 @ 69.3350 1046 @ 69.3400 205 @ 69.3500 200 @ 69.3550 100 @ 69.3600 720 @ 69.3700 100 @ 69.3750 300 @ 69.4000 439 @ 69.4100 200 @ 69.4200 100 @ 69.4300 100 @ 69.4700 531 @ 69.4800 100 @ 69.4825 900 @ 70.7300 6301 @ 70.7400 193 @ 70.7450 6306 @ 70.7500 500 @ 70.7550 800 @ 70.7600

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