

COSTCO WHOLESALE CORP /NEW  
Form 8-K  
July 23, 2008

**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) July 22, 2008

**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.)

**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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**Item 8.01. Other Events**

The Board of Directors of the registrant declared a quarterly cash dividend on Costco Wholesale common stock. The dividend of \$.16 per share declared July 21, 2008, is payable August 22, 2008, to shareholders of record at the close of business on August 8, 2008.

The Board of Directors also authorized an additional common stock repurchase program of \$1 billion. This is in addition to the aggregate \$5.8 billion amount previously authorized by the Board, of which approximately \$4.6 billion has been expended since June 2005, repurchasing approximately 85 million shares.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(d) Exhibits. The following exhibit is included in this report:

- 99.1. Press release dated July 22, 2008.

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 July 22, 2008.

COSTCO WHOLESALE CORPORATION

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