#### **BROTMAN JEFFREY H**

Form 4

October 21, 2008

## FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading **BROTMAN JEFFREY H** Issuer Symbol COSTCO WHOLESALE CORP (Check all applicable) /NEW [COST] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction \_X\_ Director 10% Owner X\_ Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) 999 LAKE DRIVE 10/17/2008 Chairman of the Board (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting ISSAQUAH, WA 98027 Person

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-l	Derivative	Secur	rities Acq	uired, Disposed of	, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	10/17/2008		A	50,000 (1)	A	<u>(2)</u>	108,237	D	
Common Stock	10/17/2008		F	3,645	D	\$ 57.98	104,592	D	
Common Stock	10/19/2008		F	3,611	D	\$ 57.98	100,981	D	
Common Stock							100,981	D	
Common Stock							1,186,703.04 (3)	I	1984 Brotman Family

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Common Stock 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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. orNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	<b>:</b>	ate	Secur	int of rlying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

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## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Retutiviisiiips							
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
BROTMAN JEFFREY H 999 LAKE DRIVE ISSAQUAH, WA 98027	X		Chairman of the Board					

# **Signatures**

Deanna K. Nakashima, attorney-in-fact 10/21/2008

\*\*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).

Grant was initially made in October 2007 subject to performance conditions concerning fiscal 2008, which were recently deemed satisfied (1) by the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors. Vests one-fifth on October 17, 2008 and one-fifth annually on October 17 for the following four years.

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- (2) Not applicable. Grant of Restricted Stock Units.
- Mr. Brotman disclaims beneficial ownership of shares owned by this trust. Mr. Brotman is not a trustee of this trust nor does he have invested control over the trustee's assets. Mr. Brotman is one of a number of beneficiaries of the trust.

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