

GALANTI RICHARD A  
 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 \*  
 GALANTI RICHARD A

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)  
 04/27/2011

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 Executive VP and CFO

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  
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(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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D) Code V Amount Price                                    |   |  |  |
| Common Stock                    | 04/27/2011                           |  | M                              | 15,000 A \$ 39.25   | 67,464  | D  |  |
| Common Stock                    | 04/27/2011                           |  | S                              | 15,000 D 1  | 52,464  | D  |  |
| Common Stock                    | 04/27/2011                           |  | S                              | 1,615 D 2   | 50,849  | 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) |              |                            |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--------------|----------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title        | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Stock Option                               | \$ 39.25   | 04/27/2011                           |  | M                              | 15,000  | 04/02/2002   | 04/02/2012  | Common Stock | 15,000                     |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                            | Relationships |           |                      |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|----------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer              | Other |
| GALANTI RICHARD A<br>999 LAKE DRIVE<br>ISSAQUAH, WA 98027 | X             |           | Executive VP and CFO |       |

## Signatures

Deanna K. Nakashima,  
attorney-in-fact

04/27/2011

\_\_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: 7412 @ 80.8900 100 @ 80.8950 1900 @ 80.9000 900 @ 80.9100 823 @ 80.9200 1200 @ 80.9300 1400 @ 80.9400 265 @ 80.9500 100 @ 80.9600 900 @ 80.9700
- (2) Shares sold as follows: 800 @ 80.8900 100 @ 80.8901 215 @ 80.8910 300 @ 80.8919 200 @ 80.8950

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