COSTCO WHOLESALE CORP /NEW

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * GALANTI RICHARD A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Symbol

COSTCO WHOLESALE CORP /NEW [COST]

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

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

(Month/Day/Year) 999 LAKE DRIVE

04/01/2005

below) Executive VP and CFO

(Middle)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

(Instr. 4)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Person

ISSAQUAH, WA 98027-8990

(City) (State) (Zip)

(Street)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

3. Code

(Instr. 8)

4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Disposed of (D)

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (T)

(A)

Code V Amount (D) Price

Following Reported Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

(Month/Day/Year)

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(Instr. 4)

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Conversion Security or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if any

4. 5. Number of TransactionDerivative Code Securities

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of **Underlying Securities** (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3) Price of (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) Derivative or Disposed of Security (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) Code V (A) (D) Date Expiration Title Amount Exercisable Date or Number of Shares Stock Common 04/01/2005 04/01/2015 $A^{(1)}$ \$ 43.79 04/01/2005 75,000 75,000 Option Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

GALANTI RICHARD A

999 LAKE DRIVE X Executive VP and CFO

ISSAQUAH, WA 98027-8990

Signatures

Richard A Galanti 04/04/2005

**Signature of Date Reporting Person

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) Granted pursuant to the 2002 Stock Incentive Plan.

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