

COSTCO WHOLESALE CORP /NEW  
Form 8-K  
February 02, 2010

**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): January 28, 2010

**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.)

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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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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers**

(c) On January 28, 2010, the Company's Board of Directors appointed Craig Jelinek as President and Chief Operating Officer of the Company. Mr. Jelinek previously was Executive Vice President in charge of merchandising, a position he has held since 2004. He spent the previous twenty years in various positions in the Company's warehouse operations. It is anticipated that Mr. Jelinek will become a member of the Board of Directors. Compensation arrangements with respect to Mr. Jelinek's new position have not yet been determined.

**Item 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.**

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

99.1. Press release dated February 1, 2010

**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 February 1, 2010.

COSTCO WHOLESALE CORPORATION

By:                   /s/   RICHARD A. GALANTI  
  **Richard A. Galanti,**  
  **Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer**