

COSTCO WHOLESALE CORP /NEW  
Form 8-K  
December 05, 2014

**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): December 3, 2014**

**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

On December 3, 2014, William H. Gates submitted to Costco Wholesale Corporation (the Company ) a letter stating that he is resigning as a member of the Board of Directors, effective after the conclusion of the Company s annual meeting on January 29, 2015. The voluntary resignation is not due to any disagreement with the Company on any matter relating to the Company s operations, policies or practices. The Company and its Board of Directors express their deepest gratitude to Mr. Gates for his more than eleven years of dedicated service.

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 December 5, 2014.

COSTCO WHOLESALE CORPORATION

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