COSTCO WHOLESALE CORP /NEW
Form 4
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FORM 4

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

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * PETTERSON DAVID S	2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol COSTCO WHOLESALE CORP /NEW [COST]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) _____ Director _____ 10% Owner _____ Officer (give title __X__ Other (specify below) below) Principal Accounting Officer
(Last) (First) (Middle) 999 LAKE DRIVE (Street)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 10/16/2006 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person ___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
ISSAQUAH, WA 98027		
(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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	10/16/2006		M		7,500	A	$ 30.41	13,750	D	
Common Stock	10/16/2006		S		6,500	D	$ 53.34	7,250	D	
Common Stock	10/16/2006		S		600	D	$ 53.33	6,650	D	
Common Stock	10/16/2006		S		100	D	$ 53.32	6,550	D	
Common Stock	10/16/2006		S		300	D	$ 53.31	6,250	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)		8. D S (I
								Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)					
Stock Option	$ 30.41	10/16/2006		M			7,500	04/01/2003	04/01/2013	Common Stock	7,500	$

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
PETTERSON DAVID S 999 LAKE DRIVE ISSAQUAH, WA 98027			Principal Accounting Officer	

Signatures

Deanna K. Nakashima, attorney-in-fact	10/17/2006
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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