

COSTCO WHOLESALE CORP /NEW  
Form 8-K  
April 27, 2011

**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): April 26, 2011**

**COSTCO WHOLESALE CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Washington  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

0-20355  
(Commission  
File No.)

91-1223280  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

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999 Lake Drive

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 8.01. Other Events**

On April 26, 2011, the Board of Directors of the registrant approved a common stock repurchase program of up to \$4 billion. This program will expire in April 2015 and replaces the existing program, which has unused authorization of approximately \$800 million, which was to expire in July 2011.

The Board of Directors also declared a quarterly cash dividend on Costco Wholesale Corp. common stock and approved a quarterly increase from \$.205 to \$.24. The dividend of \$.24 per share declared on April 26, 2011, is payable May 27, 2011 to shareholders of record at the close of business on May 1, 2011.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(d) Exhibits. The following exhibits are included in this report:

99.1. Press release dated April 26, 2011.

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 April 26, 2011.

COSTCO WHOLESALE CORPORATION

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

Officer