

JELINEK W CRAIG  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**JELINEK W CRAIG**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**COSTCO WHOLESALE CORP /NEW [COST]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 999 LAKE DRIVE  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 02/09/2009

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Executive VP

ISSAQUAH, WA 98017  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**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	02/09/2009		M	50,000 A \$ 36.9063	153,664	D	
Common Stock	02/09/2009		S	50,000 D 11	103,664	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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option	\$ 36.9063	02/09/2009		M	50,000	02/09/1999	02/09/2009	Common Stock	50,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
JELINEK W CRAIG 999 LAKE DRIVE ISSAQUAH, WA 98017			Executive VP	

## Signatures

Deanna K. Nakashima,  
attorney-in-fact

02/09/2009

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Reporting Person

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## 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).

Sold as follows: 100 @ 44.6100 2000 @ 44.6200 100 @ 44.6225 2600 @ 44.6300 100 @ 44.6325 6346 @ 44.6400 400 @ 44.6413 6729 @ 44.6500 100 @ 44.6513 1500 @ 44.6550 1200 @ 44.6600 1700 @ 44.6700 778 @ 44.7000 37 @ 44.7001 1063 @ 44.7100 200 @ (1) 44.7200 400 @ 44.7400 164 @ 44.7600 300 @ 44.7700 3200 @ 44.7800 378 @ 44.7900 100 @ 44.7913 100 @ 44.7950 500 @ 44.7964 7086 @ 44.8000 1457 @ 44.8100 1983 @ 44.8200 1274 @ 44.8300 1230 @ 44.8400 410 @ 44.8500 4900 @ 44.8600 100 @ 44.8700 100 @ 44.9100 400 @ 44.9300 965 @ 44.9400

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