

COSTCO WHOLESALE CORP /NEW  
Form 8-K  
February 18, 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): February 17, 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.)

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

999 Lake Drive

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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 PRINCIPAL OFFICERS; ELECTION OF DIRECTORS; APPOINTMENT OF PRINCIPAL OFFICERS**

(d) Effective February 17, 2010, the Board of Directors of Costco Wholesale Corporation elected W. Craig Jelinek as a director to fill a newly-created vacancy on the Board. As previously announced, on January 28, 2010, Mr. Jelinek was appointed President and Chief Operating Officer of the Company.

**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 18, 2010.

COSTCO WHOLESALE CORPORATION

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