

BROTMAN JEFFREY H  
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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 \*  
BROTMAN JEFFREY H

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)  
04/25/2011

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
Chairman of the Board

ISSAQUAH, WA 98027

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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(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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount  | (A) or (D)   | Price                             |
| Common Stock                    | 04/25/2011                           |  | M                              |   | 100,000   | A  | \$ 39.65                          |
| Common Stock                    | 04/25/2011                           |  | S                              |   | 100,000   | D  | 11 80,392                         |
| Common Stock                    | 04/26/2011                           |  | M                              |   | 50,000  | A  | \$ 39.65                          |
| Common Stock                    | 04/26/2011                           |  | S                              |   | 50,000  | D  | 12 80,392                         |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  | 20                                |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   |   | I  | Justin Brotman                    |

|              |                          |   |                                    |
|--------------|--------------------------|---|------------------------------------|
| Common Stock | 736,703.04<br><u>(3)</u> | I | 1984<br>Brotman<br>Family<br>Trust |
|--------------|--------------------------|---|------------------------------------|

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                               | \$ 39.65   | 04/25/2011                           |  | M                              |   | 100,000  |   | 04/01/2002       | 04/01/2012      | Common Stock | 100,000                    |
| Stock Option                               | \$ 39.65   | 04/26/2011                           |  | M                              |   | 50,000   |   | 04/01/2002       | 04/01/2012      | Common Stock | 50,000                     |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                            | Relationships |           |         |                       |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-----------------------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other                 |
| BROTMAN JEFFREY H<br>999 LAKE DRIVE<br>ISSAQUAH, WA 98027 | X             |           |         | Chairman of the Board |

## Signatures

Deanna K. Nakashima,  
attorney-in-fact

04/26/2011

\_\_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).

(1) Shares sold as follows: 51644 @ 78.5000 100 @ 78.5001 100 @ 78.5003 1486 @ 78.5100 500 @ 78.5101 100 @ 78.5103 100 @ 78.5105 100 @ 78.5109 200 @ 78.5112 100 @ 78.5113 200 @ 78.5117 200 @ 78.5120 543 @ 78.5150 928 @ 78.5200 408 @ 78.5300 200 @ 78.5400 200 @ 78.5450 5078 @ 78.5500 300 @ 78.5501 100 @ 78.5502 100 @ 78.5506 100 @ 78.5508 100 @ 78.5512 1237 @

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78.5550 3558 @ 78.5600 42 @ 78.5609 100 @ 78.5625 100 @ 78.5630 600 @ 78.5650 500 @ 78.5700 16223 @ 78.6000 3000 @ 78.6001 100 @ 78.6002 100 @ 78.6004 200 @ 78.6008 200 @ 78.6011 100 @ 78.6025 300 @ 78.6050 2504 @ 78.6100 1001 @ 78.6200 100 @ 78.6202 300 @ 78.6206 100 @ 78.6207 100 @ 78.6212 1443 @ 78.6250 4205 @ 78.6300 1000 @ 78.6500

Shares sold as follows: 23444 @ 78.5000 400 @ 78.5100 100 @ 78.5300 3357 @ 78.6000 1664 @ 78.6100 200 @ 78.6101 100 @ 78.6110 1309 @ 78.6200 100 @ 78.6205 1155 @ 78.6300 200 @ 78.6305 131 @ 78.6313 69 @ 78.6317 200 @ 78.6350 2263 @ (2) 78.6400 200 @ 78.6475 1545 @ 78.6500 200 @ 78.6505 200 @ 78.6516 563 @ 78.6600 1701 @ 78.6700 1200 @ 78.6800 1600 @ 78.6900 3743 @ 78.7000 1100 @ 78.7100 700 @ 78.7300 100 @ 78.7355 356 @ 78.7500 200 @ 78.7550 100 @ 78.7606 600 @ 78.7700 100 @ 78.7716 400 @ 78.8200 700 @ 78.8400

- (3) Mr. Brotman disclaims beneficial ownership of shares owned by the trust. Mr. Brotman is not a trustee of this trust nor does he have investment control over the trust's assets. Mr. Brotman is one of a number of beneficiaries of the trust.

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