

WALKER THOMAS KIRK  
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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 \*  
WALKER THOMAS KIRK

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)  
10/08/2010

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

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  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	10/08/2010		M	31,000 A \$ 43.79	248,165	D	
Common Stock	10/08/2010		M	12,000 A \$ 33.75	260,165	D	
Common Stock	10/08/2010		S	43,000 D <u>1</u>	217,165	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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option	\$ 43.79	10/08/2010		M	31,000	04/01/2005 04/01/2015	Common Stock	31,000
Stock Option	\$ 33.75	10/08/2010		M	12,000	04/01/2003 04/01/2013	Common Stock	12,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
WALKER THOMAS KIRK 999 LAKE DRIVE ISSAQUAH, WA 98027			Executive VP	

## Signatures

Deanna K. Nakashima,  
attorney-in-fact

10/12/2010

\_\_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: 1100 @ 64.1600 1500 @ 64.1700 518 @ 64.1800 100 @ 64.1900 4064 @ 64.2000 618 @ 64.2100 100 @ 64.2200 1300 @ 64.2400 100 @ 64.2800 200 @ 64.3000 1700 @ 64.3200 492 @ 64.3500 1400 @ 64.3600 200 @ 64.3800 1400 @ 64.3900 100 @ 64.3929 3297 @ 64.4000 1600 @ 64.4100 700 @ 64.4200 2300 @ 64.4300 200 @ 64.4400 2402 @ 64.4500 100 @ 64.4501 311 @ 64.4600 200 @ 64.4650 2213 @ 64.4700 700 @ 64.4701 100 @ 64.4709 300 @ 64.4800 300 @ 64.5100 1400 @ 64.5200 5585 @ 64.5300 1200 @ 64.5301 100 @ 64.5312 700 @ 64.5600 533 @ 64.5900 499 @ 64.6000 600 @ 64.6100 868 @ 64.6400 100 @ 64.6408 1600 @ 64.7000 200 @ 64.7100

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