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| obligation may cont <i>See</i> Instru 1(b). | ns Section 1 | 7(a) c | of the I | | ility H | oldi | ing Com | pany | Act o | f 1935 or Sectio | 'n | | |
| (Print or Type I | Responses) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> SINEGAL JAMES D | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol COSTCO WHOLESALE CORP | | | | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | | | | |
| | | | | /NEW [COST] | | | | | | | | | |
| (Last) (First) (Middle) 999 LAKE DRIVE | | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 10/22/2012 | | | | | | X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) | | | |
| | (Street) | | | 4. If Amer Filed(Mont | | | e Original | | | 6. Individual or Jo Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by | One Reporting Po | erson | |
| ISSAQUAE | I, WA 98027 | | | | | | | | | Form filed by M Person | More than One R | eporting | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip |)) | Table | e I - Nor | n-De | erivative S | Securi | ties Ac | quired, Disposed o | f, or Beneficia | lly Owned | |
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction I (Month/Day/Ye | ear) E a | Executio iny | tion Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Securities Code Disposed of (D) Beneficially h/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Owned Following (A) Reported Transaction(s) | | | | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | | | |
| | | | | | Code | V | Amount | or (D) | Price | (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | |
| Common Stock | 10/22/2012 | | | | F | | 2,430 | D | \$ 95 (1) | 968,204 | D | | |
| Common Stock | 10/22/2012 | | | | F | | 2,430 | D | \$ 95 (1) | 965,774 | D | | |
| Common Stock | 10/22/2012 | | | | F | | 1,215 | D | \$ 95 (1) | 964,559 | D | | |
| Common Stock | 10/22/2012 | | | | А | | 1,000 (2) | A | <u>(3)</u> | 965,559 | D | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | | | 942,708 | Ι | By LLC | |

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| Common Stock | 84,669 | I | By GRAT |
|-----------------|--------|---|------------------------|
| Common Stock | 84,669 | I | By Spouse's GRAT |

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) | 4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) | of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, | | | 7. Titl Amou Under Securi (Instr. | int of rlying | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Nu Deriv Secu Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr |
|---|---|---|--|--|---------------------|--------------------|---|--|---|--|
| | | | Code V | 4, and 5) (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|--|
| I B | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | |
| SINEGAL JAMES D 999 LAKE DRIVE ISSAQUAH, WA 98027 | Х | | | | | | |
| Signatures | | | | | | | |
| Deanna K. Nakashima, attorney-in-fact | 10/24/2012 | | | | | | |
| ** Signature of Reporting Person | | Date | | | | | |
| Explanation of Posponoos | | | | | | | |

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) This transaction is a withholding by the Company for taxes in connection with the vesting of previously granted restricted stock units. The price represents the closing market price of Costco common stock on NASDAQ on October 22, 2012.

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- (2) Grant of Restricted Stock Units. Vests one-third on October 22, 2013 and one-third annually on October 22 for the following two years.
- (3) Not applicable. Grant of Restricted Stock Units.

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