

MOULTON PAUL G  
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 \*  
MOULTON PAUL G

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)  
10/19/2011

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 Officer (give title below)  
\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_ 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  
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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V Amount (A) or (D) Price   |   |  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 10/19/2011                           |  | S                              | 20,000 D  | (1) (2) 54,028  | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 10/19/2011                           |  | F                              | 1,794 D   | \$ 84.38 52,234   | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 15,600  | I  | Moulton Revocable 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) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 6) |
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## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                         | Relationships |           |              |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|--------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer      | Other |
| MOULTON PAUL G<br>999 LAKE DRIVE<br>ISSAQUAH, WA 98027 |               |           | Executive VP |       |

## Signatures

Deanna K. Nakashima,  
attorney-in-fact

10/20/2011

\_\_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: 100 @ 84.5400 100 @ 84.5401 100 @ 84.5500 100 @ 84.5505 100 @ 84.5510 100 @ 84.5600 100 @ 84.5801 100 @ 84.5900 100 @ 84.5901 100 @ 84.5929 400 @ 84.6100 100 @ 84.6201 100 @ 84.6204 500 @ 84.6300 100 @ 84.6301 100 @ 84.6302 100 @ 84.6309 100 @ 84.6310 100 @ 84.6316 100 @ 84.6334 100 @ 84.6335 100 @ 84.6400 100 @ 84.6417 1100 @ 84.6500 100 @ 84.6508 100 @ 84.6519 1300 @ 84.6600 100 @ 84.6642 100 @ 84.6645 718 @ 84.6700 100 @ 84.6701 100 @ 84.6714 100 @ 84.6722 682 @ 84.6800 100 @ 84.6801 100 @ 84.6808 100 @ 84.6813 700 @ 84.6900 600 @ 84.6901 2100 @ 84.7000 700 @ 84.7001 100 @ 84.7004 100 @ 84.7005 200 @ 84.7018 100 @ 84.7024 100 @ 84.7026 1200 @ 84.7200
- (2) 100 @ 84.7207 100 @ 84.7212 100 @ 84.7213 100 @ 84.7232 100 @ 84.7300 100 @ 84.7311 100 @ 84.7313 100 @ 84.7317 100 @ 84.7327 100 @ 84.7334 820 @ 84.7400 100 @ 84.7406 100 @ 84.7411 1300 @ 84.7500 100 @ 84.7501 100 @ 84.7505 100 @ 84.7506 100 @ 84.7520 100 @ 84.7524 880 @ 84.7600 200 @ 84.7700 300 @ 84.7701 100 @ 84.7713 100 @ 84.7719 200 @ 84.7800 100 @ 84.7801 100 @ 84.7939 500 @ 84.8000

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