

COSTCO WHOLESALE CORP /NEW  
Form 8-K  
December 11, 2008

**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) December 11, 2008

**COSTCO WHOLESALE CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Washington**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**0-20355**  
(Commission  
File No.)  
**999 Lake Drive**

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

**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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**Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition**

On December 11, 2008, the Company issued a press release containing its operating results for the first quarter (twelve weeks) of fiscal 2009, ended November 23, 2008. A copy of the press release is included in Item 9.01.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(d) Exhibits. The following exhibits are included in this report:

99.1. Press release dated December 11, 2008.

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 December 11, 2008.

COSTCO WHOLESALE CORPORATION

By: /s/ Richard A. Galanti  
Richard A. Galanti  
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer