

BROTMAN JEFFREY H  
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 \*  
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)  
10/22/2012

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| Common Stock                    | 10/22/2012                           |  | F                              | V Amount (A) or (D) Price \$ 95 (1)                               | 2,430 D 174,401   | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 10/22/2012                           |  | F                              | V Amount (A) or (D) Price \$ 95 (1)                               | 2,430 D 171,971   | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 10/22/2012                           |  | F                              | V Amount (A) or (D) Price \$ 95 (1)                               | 2,430 D 169,541   | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 10/22/2012                           |  | F                              | V Amount (A) or (D) Price \$ 95 (1)                               | 2,430 D 167,111   | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 576,703.04 (2)  | I  | 1984 Brotman Family                                   |

|                 |  |    |   |                            |
|-----------------|--|----|---|----------------------------|
| Common<br>Stock |  | 20 | I | Trust<br>Justin<br>Brotman |
|-----------------|--|----|---|----------------------------|

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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number<br>of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed<br>of (D)<br>(Instr. 3,<br>4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Underlying<br>Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Nu<br>Deriv<br>Secur<br>Bene<br>Own<br>Follo<br>Repo<br>Trans<br>(Instr |
|---|--|---|---|--------------------------------------|--|--|---|---|--|
|   |  |   |   |                                      |  | Date<br>Exercisable  | Expiration<br>Date  | Title   | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares                                     |
|   |  |   |   |                                      |  | Code   | V (A) (D)   |   |  |

## 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

10/24/2012

\_\_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) 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.
- (2)

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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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