

COSTCO WHOLESALE CORP /NEW  
Form 8-K  
October 08, 2010

**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): October 7, 2010

**COSTCO WHOLESALE CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Washington  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

0-20355  
(Commission  
File No.)

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

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999 Lake Drive

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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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers**

(c) On October 7, 2010, the Company's Board of Directors approved the promotion of James P. Murphy to Executive Vice President from Senior Vice President; he will continue to be responsible for oversight of the Company's international operations in Asia and Europe. Previously, Mr. Murphy held various operational positions in the Company since 1987. He will continue to report to President and Chief Operating Officer W. Craig Jelinek.

**Item 8.01. Other Events**

The Board of Directors of the registrant declared a quarterly cash dividend on Costco Wholesale Corp. common stock. The dividend of \$.205 per share declared on October 7, 2010, is payable November 12, 2010, to shareholders of record at the close of business on October 29, 2010.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits**

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

- 99.1. Press release dated October 7, 2010.

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 October 8, 2010.

COSTCO WHOLESALE CORPORATION

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

Officer