

LIBENSON RICHARD M  
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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 \*  
LIBENSON RICHARD M

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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
10/08/2010

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

4649 MORENA BLVD.

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

SAN DIEGO, CA 92117

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				Code	V	Amount				(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	10/08/2010		M			12,000	A	\$ 36.1875	18,000	D	
Common Stock	10/08/2010		M			12,000	A	\$ 39.65	30,000	D	
Common Stock	10/08/2010		M			12,000	A	\$ 30.41	42,000	D	
Common Stock	10/08/2010		M			12,000	A	\$ 37.35	54,000	D	
Common Stock	10/08/2010		S			48,000	D	1	6,000	D	

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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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option	\$ 36.1875	10/08/2010		M	12,000	04/02/2001	04/02/2011	Common Stock	12,000
Stock Option	\$ 39.65	10/08/2010		M	12,000	04/01/2002	04/01/2012	Common Stock	12,000
Stock Option	\$ 30.41	10/08/2010		M	12,000	04/01/2003	04/01/2013	Common Stock	12,000
Stock Option	\$ 37.35	10/08/2010		M	12,000	04/01/2004	04/01/2014	Common Stock	12,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
LIBENSON RICHARD M 4649 MORENA BLVD. SAN DIEGO, CA 92117		X		

## Signatures

Deanna K. Nakashima,  
attorney-in-fact

10/12/2010

\*\*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 @ 64.1200 200 @ 64.1300 100 @ 64.1400 200 @ 64.1500 200 @ 64.1600 2537 @ 64.1700 700 @ 64.1800 763 @ 64.1900 1573 @ 64.2000 3127 @ 64.2100 700 @ 64.2300 1500 @ 64.2400 100 @ 64.2700 2484 @ 64.3100 200 @ 64.3200 489

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@ 64.3300 1600 @ 64.3400 927 @ 64.3500 2200 @ 64.3600 100 @ 64.3650 400 @ 64.3700 2091 @ 64.3800 500 @ 64.3900 258 @  
64.4000 490 @ 64.4100 2402 @ 64.4200 300 @ 64.4300 1262 @ 64.4400 696 @ 64.4500 100 @ 64.4600 1400 @ 64.4700 1600 @  
64.4800 500 @ 64.5000 801 @ 64.5200 6148 @ 64.5300 2600 @ 64.5301 100 @ 64.5400 986 @ 64.5500 14 @ 64.5600 1700 @  
64.5701 52 @ 64.6000 1800 @ 64.7000 2000 @ 64.7101

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