

COSTCO WHOLESALE CORP /NEW  
Form 8-K  
March 10, 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): March 10, 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

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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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 March 10, 2010, the Company's Board of Directors approved the promotion of John McKay to Executive Vice President from Senior Vice President. He will be Chief Operating Officer in charge of the Northern Division. This position was previously occupied by Executive Vice President Doug Schutt, who has become Executive Vice President in Charge of Merchandising. Mr. McKay previously was Senior Vice President in charge of the Northwest Region and has worked at various positions with the Company since 1983. He will report to Senior Executive Vice President Dick DiCerchio. Mr. Schutt will report to President and Chief Operating Officer W. Craig Jelinek.

**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 March 10, 2010.

COSTCO WHOLESALE CORPORATION

By: /s/ RICHARD A. GALANTI  
**Richard A. Galanti,**  
**Executive Vice President and**

**Chief Financial Officer**