

COSTCO WHOLESALE CORP /NEW
Form 8-K
April 22, 2005

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) April 21, 2005

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.)

999 Lake Drive
Issaquah, WA 98027

(Address of principal executive offices and zip code)

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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))
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Item 8.01 OTHER EVENTS

The Board of Directors of the registrant declared a quarterly cash dividend of 11.5 cents per share, an increase over the prior quarter's dividend of 10 cents per share. In addition, the registrant issued a press release revising its earnings outlook for the remainder of the fiscal year.

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

99.1 Press release dated April 22, 2005.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Issaquah, State of Washington, on April 22, 2005.

COSTCO WHOLESALE CORPORATION

By: /s/ Richard A. Galanti

Richard A. Galanti, Executive Vice
President and Chief Financial Officer