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Form 8-K  
December 10, 2004

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) December 9, 2004

COSTCO WHOLESALE CORPORATION.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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| Washington   | 0-20355                  | 91-1223280                              |
| (State or other<br>jurisdiction of<br>incorporation) | (Commission File<br>No.) | (I.R.S. Employer Identification<br>No.) |

999 Lake Drive  
Issaquah, WA 98027

(Address of principal executive offices and zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 425-313-8100

Item 2.02. Results of Operation and Financial Condition

On December 9, 2004, the Company issued a press release containing its results of operation for the fiscal quarter (12 weeks) ending November 21, 2004. A copy of the press release is included in Item 9.01.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

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

99. Press release dated December 9, 2004.

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 December 9, 2004.

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