

COSTCO WHOLESALE CORP /NEW  
Form 8-K  
October 31, 2008

**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 30, 2008

**COSTCO WHOLESALE CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Washington**  
(State or other jurisdiction

**0-20355**  
(Commission

**91-1223280**  
(I.R.S. Employer

of incorporation)

File No.)  
**999 Lake Drive**

Identification No.)

**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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**Item 8.01. Other Events**

The Board of Directors of the registrant declared a quarterly cash dividend on Costco Wholesale common stock .The dividend of \$.16 per share declared October 30, 2008, is payable November 28, 2008, to shareholders of record at the close of business on November 14, 2008.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(d) Exhibits. The following exhibit is included in this report:

99.1. Press release dated October 30, 2008.

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 30, 2008.

COSTCO WHOLESALE CORPORATION

By: /s/ Richard A. Galanti  
Richard A. Galanti

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial  
Officer