

COSTCO WHOLESALE CORP /NEW  
Form 8-K  
April 20, 2015

**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): April 17, 2015**

**COSTCO WHOLESALE CORPORATION**

**(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

**Washington**  
**(State or other jurisdiction**  
**of incorporation)**

**0-20355**  
**(Commission**  
**File No.)**  
**999 Lake Drive**

**91-1223280**  
**(I.R.S. Employer**  
**Identification No.)**

**Issaquah, WA 98027**

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(Address of principal executive offices and zip code)

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))

**Item 8.01. Other Events**

The Board of Directors has reauthorized a common stock repurchase program of up to \$4 billion. This program will expire in April 2019 and replaces the current \$4 billion program (expiring this month). The Board of Directors also declared a quarterly cash dividend on the Company's common stock and approved an increase to 40 cents per share, or \$1.60 annually. The dividend of \$.40 per share declared on April 17, 2015, is payable May 15, 2015, to shareholders of record at the close of business on May 1, 2015.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits**

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

99.1. Press release dated April 17, 2015.

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 April 20, 2015.

COSTCO WHOLESALE CORPORATION

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