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March 14, 2003

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person  
Portera, Joseph P.  
999 Lake Drive  
Issaquah, WA 98027-8990
2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
Costco Wholesale Corporation (COST)
3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)
4. Statement for Month/Year  
3/2003
5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)
6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  
( ) Director ( ) 10% Owner  
(X) Officer (give title below) ( ) Other (specify below)  
Executive VP
7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  
(X) Form filed by One Reporting Person  
( ) Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

TABLE I -- Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security | 2. Trans-<br>action<br>Date<br>(Month/<br>Day/<br>Year) | 3. Trans-<br>action<br>Code | 4. Securities Acquired (A)<br>or Disposed of (D) |        |     | 5. Amou<br>Secu<br>Bene<br>Owe<br>End<br>Mont |
|----------------------|---|-----------------------------|--|--------|-----|---|
|                      |   | Code                        | V  | Amount | A/D | Price   |
| Common Stock         | 03/14/2003  | M                           |  | 20000  | A   | \$22.8750                                     |
| Common Stock         | 03/14/2003  | S                           |  | -20000 | D   | \$29.5000 0                                   |

TABLE II -- Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1.                                 | 2.                                      | 3.  | 4.                    | 5.                           | 6.  | 7.   | 8.  |
|------------------------------------|---|---|-----------------------|------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security | Price of<br>Deriv-<br>ative<br>Security | Transac-<br>tion Date<br>(Month/<br>Day/Year) | Transac-<br>tion Code | Acquired (A)<br>Disposed (D) | Number of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>(A)<br>(D) | Date Exercisable<br>and Expiration<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | Title and Amount<br>of Underlying<br>Securities<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |
| Stock Option                       | \$22.875                                | 03/14/2003                                    | M                     |                              | 20000   | 02/17/2008   | Common<br>Stock 20000   |

Explanation of Responses:

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SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON  
/s/ Joseph P. Portera

DATE  
03/14/2003