

COSTCO WHOLESALE CORP /NEW  
Form 8-K  
October 31, 2017

**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, 2017**

**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

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

**Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

On October 30, 2017, the Compensation Committee (the Committee) of the Board of Directors approved the fiscal 2018 performance criteria for bonuses to executive officers. Under these criteria, executive officers are eligible to receive bonuses, up to \$200,000 depending on the individual, based on the achievement of specified targets relating to pre-tax income and operational characteristics relevant to the executive's area of responsibility. See Exhibit 10.1. The bonus amounts will be recommended by the Chief Executive Officer, subject to further approval of the Committee, based on the performance criteria referenced above.

**Item 8.01. Other Events**

The Board of Directors declared a quarterly cash dividend on the Company's common stock. The dividend of 50 cents per share declared on October 30, 2017, is payable December 1, 2017, to shareholders of record at the close of business on November 17, 2017.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits**

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

- 10.1 Fiscal 2018 Executive Bonus Plan
- 99.1 Press release dated October 30, 2017

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 31, 2017.

COSTCO WHOLESALE CORPORATION

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

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer