MOULTON PAUL G Form 4

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1(b).

Stock

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and A MOULTON	Address of Reporting N PAUL G	Symbol COST	uer Name and Ticker or Trading I CO WHOLESALE CORP [COST]	Issuer	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(First) (of Earliest Transaction	Director X Officer (given	ve title Othe	Owner er (specify		
999 LAKE	DRIVE	04/24/	•	below)	below) Executive VP			
	(Street)	4. If An	mendment, Date Original	6. Individual or J	oint/Group Filin	g(Check		
		Filed(M	Ionth/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by	One Reporting Pe	rson		
ISSAQUAF	H, WA 98027			Form filed by Person	More than One Re	porting		
(City)	(State)	(Zip) Ta	able I - Non-Derivative Securities	Acquired, Disposed	of, or Beneficial	ly Owned		
1.Title of	2. Transaction Date	e 2A. Deemed	 4. Securities Acquire 	d 5. Amount of	6.	7. Nature of		
Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	f Transaction(A) or Disposed of (I	O) Securities	Ownership	Indirect		
(Instr. 3)		any	Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	Beneficially	Form: Direct	Beneficial		
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Owned	(D) or	Ownership		
				Following	Indirect (I)	(Instr. 4)		
			(A)	Reported	(Instr. 4)			

(A)

or

(Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price Common 04/24/2008 M 15,000 A 49,531 D Stock 37.35 Common 04/24/2008 M 15,000 A 64,531 D Stock 43.79 Common S D 04/24/2008 30,000 D 34,531 <u>(1)</u>

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. 5. Number of TransactiorDerivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option	\$ 37.35	04/24/2008		M		15,000	04/01/2004	04/01/2014	Common Stock	15,000
Stock Option	\$ 43.79	04/24/2008		M		15,000	04/01/2005	04/01/2015	Common Stock	15,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
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Director 10% Owner Officer Other

MOULTON PAUL G 999 LAKE DRIVE ISSAQUAH, WA 98027

Executive VP

Signatures

Deanna K. Nakashima, attorney-in-fact

04/24/2008

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

Sold as: 154 @ 69.2300 2100 @ 69.2350 300 @ 69.2400 346 @ 69.2500 2259 @ 69.2700 1900 @ 69.2750 200 @ 69.2800 800 @ 69.3000 300 @ 69.3050 900 @ 69.3200 1200 @ 69.3300 400 @ 69.3350 1046 @ 69.3400 205 @ 69.3500 200 @ 69.3550 100 @ 69.3600 720 @ 69.3700 100 @ 69.3750 300 @ 69.4000 439 @ 69.4100 200 @ 69.4200 100 @ 69.4300 100 @ 69.4700 531 @ 69.4800 100 @ 69.4825 900 @ 70.7300 6301 @ 70.7400 193 @ 70.7450 6306 @ 70.7500 500 @ 70.7550 800 @ 70.7600

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