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| Stock | | | | | | | <u>(4)</u> | | |
|-----------------|------------|---|---|-----------|---|-----|------------------|---|------------------------|
| Common Stock | 11/28/2003 | Â | G | 8,535 (3) | D | \$0 | 1,942,143 | I | by LLC |
| Common Stock | 11/28/2003 | Â | G | 8,535 (3) | D | \$0 | 1,942,143 (4) | I | by LLC |
| Common Stock | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â | 230 | I | by GRAT |
| Common Stock | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â | 230 | I | by Spouse's GRAT |

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 | 2. | 3. Transaction Date | 3A. Deemed | 4. | 5. | 6. Date Exerc | cisable and | 7. Titl | e and | 8. Price of |
|--|-------------|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|-------------|------------|---------------|-------------|---------|----------|-------------|
| | Derivative | Conversion | (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if | Transaction | Number | Expiration Da | ate | Amou | int of | Derivative |
| | Security | or Exercise | • | any | Code | of | (Month/Day/ | Year) | Under | lying | Security |
| | (Instr. 3) | Price of | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Derivative | e | | Secur | ities | (Instr. 5) |
| | | Derivative | | | | Securities | | | (Instr. | 3 and 4) | |
| | | Security | | | | Acquired | | | | | |
| | | | | | | (A) or | | | | | |
| | | | | | | Disposed | | | | | |
| | | | | | | of (D) | | | | | |
| | | | | | | (Instr. 3, | | | | | |
| | | | | | | 4, and 5) | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | Amount | |
| | | | | | | | | | | or | |
| | | | | | | | Date | Expiration | | Number | |
| | | | | | | | Exercisable D | Date | 11110 | of | |
| | | | | | | (A) (D) | | | | Shares | |
| | | | | | | () | | | | | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------------|-------|--|--|--|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | |
| SINEGAL JAMES D C/O COSTCO WHOLESALE CORP. 999 LAKE DRIVE ISAQUAH, WA 98027 | ÂX | Â | President and CEO | Â | | | |

Signatures

| Deanna K. Nakashima, | 12/21/2004 | | |
|---------------------------------|------------|--|--|
| attorney-in-fact | 12,21,200. | | |
| **Signature of Reporting Person | Date | | |

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- * 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).
- (1) Represents shares distributed to spouse of reporting person by a GRAT of which she is the sole trustee.
- (2) Includes 47,318 shares previously reported as indirectly held by the LLC and the GRATs.
- (3) Represents transfer of shares from LLC co-managed by reporting person and spouse, each of whom holds a 50% ownership interest in the LLC, to two grantor retained annuity trusts ("GRAT"); reporting person and spouse are the sole trustees of their respective GRATs.
- (4) This filing is intended to correct the balance and does not report any new transactions.

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