

Mail Stop 3561

March 31, 2010

**Via U.S. Mail and Fax (425) 313-6593**

Richard A. Galanti  
Chief Financial Officer  
Costco Wholesale Corporation  
999 Lake Drive  
Issaquah, Washington 98027

**Re: Costco Wholesale Corporation  
Form 10-K for the Fiscal Year Ended August 30, 2009  
Filed October 16, 2009  
Definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A  
Filed December 18, 2009  
File No. 000-20355**

Dear Mr. Galanti:

We have completed our review of the above referenced filings and we have no further comments at this time.

Sincerely,

H. Christopher Owings  
Assistant Director