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### **Registration Statement Number 333-148216**

The Kroger Co.

**Pricing Term Sheet** 

July 6, 2010

5.40% Notes due 2040

T+155 bps

 Issuer:
 The Kroger Co.

 Principal Amount:
 \$300,000,000

 Security Type:
 Senior Notes

 Maturity:
 July 15, 2040

 Coupon:
 5.40%

 Price to Public:
 99.119%

 Yield to Maturity:
 5.460%

Spread to Benchmark Treasury:

Benchmark Treasury: 4.625% due February 15, 2040

Benchmark Treasury Spot and Yield: 112-15 3.910%

Interest Payment Dates: January 15th and July 15th, commencing January 15, 2011

Make-Whole Call: Treasury Rate plus 25 basis points

(no call premium in six months prior to maturity)

 Trade Date:
 July 6, 2010

 Settlement Date:
 July 13, 2010

 Denominations:
 \$2,000 x \$1,000

Ratings: Baa2/BBB/BBB (Stable/Stable)
Joint Bookrunners: Banc of America Securities LLC

U.S. Bancorp Investments, Inc.
Wells Fargo Securities, LLC
BNY Mellon Capital Markets, LL

Co-Managers: BNY Mellon Capital Markets, LLC

RBS Securities Inc. Rabo Securities USA, Inc. CastleOak Securities, L.P.

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877-558-2607 or collect at (612) 336-7609 or Wells Fargo Securities, LLC toll-free at 1-800-326-5897.

We expect that delivery of the notes will be made against payment therefor on or about the settlement date specified above, which will be the 5th business day following the date of this term sheet. Under Rule 15c6-1 of the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, trades in the secondary market generally are required to settle in three business days, unless the parties to any such trade expressly agree otherwise. Accordingly, purchasers who wish to trade the notes on the date of this term sheet or the following business day will be required, by virtue of the fact that the notes initially will settle in T+5, to specify an alternate settlement cycle at the time of any such trade to prevent a failed settlement. Purchasers of the notes who wish to trade the notes on the date hereof or the following business day should consult their own advisor.

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