KROGER CO Form 4 July 14, 2014

## FORM 4

### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

	Address of Repor	_	2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
			KROGER CO [KR]	(Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction				
			(Month/Day/Year)	Director 10% Owner			
THE KROGER CO., 1014 VINE STREET		14 VINE	07/11/2014	X Officer (give title Other (specify below) Vice President & Controller			
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
CINCINNATI, OH 45202			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities	Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned			
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(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)
						Reported	(Instr. 4)	
				(A)		Transaction(s)		
				or		(Instr. 3 and 4)		
			Code V	Amount (D)	Price	,		
Common	07/11/2014		E	104 (1) D	\$	29,676.3146	Ъ	
Stock	07/11/2014		F	194 <u>(1)</u> D	48.82	(2)	D	
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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)

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				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

VAN OFLEN MARY ELIZABETH THE KROGER CO. 1014 VINE STREET CINCINNATI, OH 45202

Vice President & Controller

## **Signatures**

/s/ Mary Elizabeth Van Oflen, by Bruce M. Gack, Attorney-in-Fact

07/14/2014

\*\*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).
- (1) Payment of tax liability associated with restricted stock.
- (2) The total amount of securities directly owned by the reporting person includes shares in the Company's employee benefit plans that are deemed to be 'tax-conditioned plans' pursuant to Rule 16b-3, to the extent disclosed on reports received from plan trustees.

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