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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Addr PHILLIPS SUS	•	ng Person *	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol KROGER CO [KR]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(
C/O THE KROGER CO.,, 1014 VINE STREET		1014	(Month/Day/Year) 03/06/2015	_X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)		
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting		
CINCINNATI, OH 45202				Person		

(State)

(Zip)

(City)

(City)	(State)	Tabl	e I - Non-D	Perivative	Secui	rities Acqui	ired, Disposed of	, or Beneficiall	y Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securi on(A) or Do (Instr. 3,	ispose	d of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	03/06/2015		M	4,000	A	\$ 19.525	51,559.823	D		
Common Stock	03/06/2015		S	1,900	D	\$ 74.02	49,659.823	D		

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number on f Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exer Expiration D (Month/Day/	ate	7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securitie
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amour or Number of Shares
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 19.525	03/06/2015		M	4,000	<u>(1)</u>	12/08/2015	Common Stock	4,00

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
PHILLIPS SUSAN M C/O THE KROGER CO., 1014 VINE STREET CINCINNATI, OH 45202	X					

Signatures

/s/ Susan M. Phillips, by Stacey M. Heiser, Attorney-in-Fact

03/10/2015

Date

**Signature of Reporting Person

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) These options were granted under a long-term incentive plan of The Kroger Co. and vest in equal annual installments in whole amounts over a five-year period, at the rate of 20% per year commencing one year from the date of the grant.

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