

KROGER CO  
Form 4  
July 17, 2015

**FORM 4**

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

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Sharp Erin S

(Last) (First) (Middle)

1014 VINE STREET

(Street)

CINCINNATI, OH 45202

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading  
Symbol

KROGER CO [KR]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)

07/15/2015

4. If Amendment, Date Original  
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)

Group Vice President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
\_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting  
Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired<br>or Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or<br>Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Ownership<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Common<br>Stock                       | 07/15/2015                              |                                                             | A                                    | (A)<br>or<br>(D)<br>Amount<br>8,688<br>(1)                          | \$ 0                                                                                                               | 65,147.0872                                                          | D                                                                              |
| Common<br>Stock                       | 07/15/2015                              |                                                             | F                                    | (2)<br>Amount<br>2,509<br>(2)                                       | \$<br>38.33                                                                                                        | 62,638.0872<br>(3) (4)                                               | 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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired (A)<br>or Disposed of<br>(D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4,<br>and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount<br>Underlying Security<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Amount or<br>Number of Shares<br>Underlying Security<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Non-Qualified<br>Stock Option                       | \$ 38.33                                                              | 07/15/2015                              |                                                             | A                                       | 19,980                                                                                                       | (5) 07/15/2025                                                 | Common<br>Stock                                                | 19,980                                                                      |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                           | Relationships |           |                      |       |
|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|----------------------|-------|
|                                                          | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer              | Other |
| Sharp Erin S<br>1014 VINE STREET<br>CINCINNATI, OH 45202 |               |           | Group Vice President |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Erin S. Sharp, by Stacey M. Heiser,  
Attorney-in-Fact

07/17/2015

\_\_\_\_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) Restricted stock awarded pursuant to a long-term incentive plan of The Kroger Co. The restrictions on these shares lapse 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 award.
- (2) Payment of tax liability associated with restricted stock.
- (3) On July 13, 2015, the common shares of The Kroger Co. split 2-for-1, resulting in the reporting person's ownership of 28,229.5436 additional common shares.
- (4) 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.
- (5) 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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