**KROGER CO** Form 4

December 03, 2014

### FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

Stock

(Print or Type Responses)

See Instruction

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> BEYER ROBERT D			2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol KROGER CO [KR]				5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)		
(Last)	(First) (M		3. Date of Earliest Transaction						
C/O THE KROGER CO.,, 1014 VINE STREET			(Month/Day/Year) 09/01/2014				X Director Officer (giv below)	e title Oth below)	We Owner or (specify
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person			
CINCINNA	ATI, OH 45202							More than One Ro	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table	I - Non-Do	erivative S	Securities Ac	quired, Disposed	of, or Beneficia	lly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Dat (Month/Day/Year)		Date, if	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit onAcquired Disposed (Instr. 3,	(A) or 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							113,992	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)

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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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of or Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)  7. Title and Ame Underlying Sect (Instr. 3 and 4)		Securities	8. P Der Sect (Ins	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Phantom Stock - Incentive Shares	\$ 0 (1)	09/01/2014		A	10.219 (2)	(3)	(3)	Common Stock	10.219	\$ :
Phantom Stock - Incentive Shares	\$ 0 <u>(1)</u>	12/01/2014		A	10.392 (2)	<u>(3)</u>	(3)	Common Stock	10.392	\$ :

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
<b>F-</b>	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
BEYER ROBERT D						
C/O THE KROGER CO.,	X					
1014 VINE STREET	Λ					

### **Signatures**

CINCINNATI, OH 45202

/s/ Robert D. Beyer, by Stacey M. Heiser, Attorney-in-Fact

\*\*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).

Date

- (1) Each phantom share represents the right to receive one common share upon distribution from the deferred compensation account.
- (2) Represents phantom stock acquired in dividend reinvestment transactions under a deferred compensation plan of The Kroger Co.
- (3) Shares of phantom stock will be distributed following termination of the reporting person's services as an Independent Director of The Kroger Co.

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