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SEC Form 4

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility

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Name and Address of Reporting Person* Dillon, David B.	Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	4. Statement for (Month/Day/Year	Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
(Last) (First) (Middle) 1014 Vine Street	The Kroger Co. KR	04/14/2003	X Director _ 10% Owner X Officer (give title below) _ Other (specify below)
(Street) Cincinnati, OH 45202	3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity	5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)	Description President and Chief Operating Officer
(City) (State) (Zip)	(voluntary)		7. 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 Security (Instr. 3)	2.Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired n(A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Owner-ship Form: Direct (D)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership	
			Code	V	Amount	A/D	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	04/14/2003		М		30,000	A	\$4.72	550,730.4855	D		
Common Stock	04/14/2003		F		18,153	D	\$	532,577.4855	D		
Common Stock							\$	223,600.0000	I	By Spouse/Children	
Common Stock							\$	54,024.0000	I	By Trust/Children	

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	(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securitie										ities)		
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	or Transaction Date of (Month/ Day/	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/ Day/ Year)	4. Transactio Code (Instr.8)		5. Number of nDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable(DE) and Expiration Date(ED) (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr.5)	9. f
				Code	٧	А	D	DE	ED	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$4.7200	04/14/2003		М			30,000	10/22/1993	04/21/2003	Common Stock	30,000	\$	

Explanation of Responses:

- The amount of securities directly owned by the reporting person includes shares in the Company's employee benefit plans which are deemed to be "tax-conditioned plans" pursuant to Rule 16b-3, to the extent disclosed on reports received from plan trustees.

By: Date:

/s/ David B. Dillon

04/15/2003

** Signature of Reporting Person

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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- * 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).

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