ROGEL STEVEN R

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

See Instruction

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading ROGEL STEVEN R Issuer Symbol KROGER CO [KR] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) X_ Director 10% Owner Other (specify Officer (give title WEYERHAEUSER 12/09/2004 below) COMPANY, P.O. BOX 9777 (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 FEDERAL WAY, WA 98063 (City) (State) (Zip)

(City)	(State) (Z	Table Table	I - Non-De	erivative S	ecurit	ties Ac	quired, Disposed o	of, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	3. Transactio	4. Securit nAcquired Disposed	(A) o		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial
(Ilisti. 3)		any (Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	(Instr. 3,	` '	,	Owned Following	Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	12/09/2004		A	5,000 (1)	A	\$0	20,028	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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Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed o (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Expiration D (Month/Day	•		
				Code V	(A) (D	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amo or Num of Sh
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 16.6	12/09/2004		A	10,000	(2)	12/09/2014	Common	10,0

5. Number of 6. Date Exercisable and

7. Title and Amour

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
ROGEL STEVEN R WEYERHAEUSER COMPANY P.O. BOX 9777 FEDERAL WAY, WA 98063	X						

Signatures

1. Title of

/s/ Steven R. Rogel, by Bruce M. Gack, Attorney-in-Fact

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed

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 lapse as to 50% one year from the date of the award, and as to 50% two years from the date of the award.
- (2) These options were granted under an option 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 grant.

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