| Form 5   |                        |                        |  |                                       |                     |                        |
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| 1(b).  | Fileo<br>dings Section | 17(a) of the           | Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchan<br>Public Utility Holding Company Act of<br>of the Investment Company Act of 19 | of 1935 or Section                    | 1                   |                        |
| 1. Name and Ac<br>Flora Jon C  | ldress of Repo         | orting Person <u>*</u> | 2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading<br>Symbol<br>KROGER CO [KR]  | 5. Relationship of Issuer             | 1 0                 |                        |
| (Last)   | (First)                | (Middle)               | 3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended  | (Check                                | c all applicable    | e)                     |
|  |                        |                        | (Month/Day/Year)<br>01/29/2005   | Director<br>X Officer (give<br>below) |                     | % Owner<br>er (specify |
| 1014 VINE S  | IKEEI                  |                        |  | /                                     | Vice Preside        | nt                     |
|  | (Street)               |                        | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)   | bint/Group Reporting                  |                     |                        |
|  |                        |                        |  | (check                                | applicable line     | )                      |
| CINCINNAT  | TI, OH 4               | 15202                  |  |                                       |                     |                        |

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| (City)                               | (State)                                 | (Zip) Tabl  | le I - Non-Der                          | ivative Se   | curitie        | es Acqu | iired, Disposed of,  | or Beneficiall  | y 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.<br>Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securit<br>Acquired<br>Disposed<br>(Instr. 3,<br>Amount | (A) o<br>of (D | )       | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned at end of<br>Issuer's Fiscal<br>Year<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6.<br>Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or<br>Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
| Common<br>Stock                      | Â                                       | Â   | Â                                       | Â  | Â              | Â       | 60,220.6988<br>(1)   | D   | Â   |

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

**KROGER CO** 

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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.<br>Numbe<br>of<br>Deriva<br>Securit<br>Acquir<br>(A) or<br>Dispos<br>of (D)<br>(Instr. 4, and | tive<br>ties<br>red<br>sed<br>3, | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |                    | 7. Title and Amount<br>Underlying Securitie<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |                                 |
|---|---|---|---|---|--|----------------------------------|--|--------------------|---|---------------------------------|
|   |   |   |   |   | (A) (  | (D)                              | Date<br>Exercisable  | Expiration<br>Date | Title   | Amour<br>or<br>Numbe<br>of Shar |
| Non-Qualified<br>Stock Option                       | \$ 13.4375  | Â                                       | Â   | Â                                       | Â  | Â                                | (2)  | 05/14/2007         | Common<br>Stock   | 2,40                            |
| Non-Qualified<br>Stock Option                       | \$ 21.0625  | Â                                       | Â   | Â                                       | Â  | Â                                | (2)  | 02/19/2008         | Common<br>Stock   | 4,00                            |
| Non-Qualified<br>Stock Option                       | \$ 22.2344  | Â                                       | Â   | Â                                       | Â  | Â                                | (2)  | 04/15/2008         | Common<br>Stock   | 9,00                            |
| Non-Qualified<br>Performance<br>Stock Option        | \$ 22.2344  | Â                                       | Â   | Â                                       | Â  | Â                                | ( <u>3)</u>  | 04/15/2008         | Common<br>Stock   | 9,00                            |
| Non-Qualified<br>Stock Option                       | \$ 27.1719  | Â                                       | Â   | Â                                       | Â  | Â                                | (2)  | 05/26/2009         | Common<br>Stock   | 9,00                            |
| Non-Qualified<br>Performance<br>Stock Option        | \$ 27.1719  | Â                                       | Â   | Â                                       | ÂŻ   | Â                                | (4)  | 05/26/2009         | Common<br>Stock   | 9,00                            |
| Non-Qualified<br>Stock Option                       | \$ 16.5938  | Â                                       | Â   | Â                                       | Â  | Â                                | (2)  | 02/10/2010         | Common<br>Stock   | 6,00                            |
| Non-Qualified<br>Performance<br>Stock Option        | \$ 16.5938  | Â                                       | Â   | Â                                       | Â  | Â                                | (5)  | 02/10/2010         | Common<br>Stock   | 6,00                            |
| Non-Qualified<br>Stock Option                       | \$ 24.94  | Â                                       | Â   | Â                                       | Â  | Â                                | (2)  | 12/07/2010         | Common<br>Stock   | 10,00                           |
| Non-Qualified<br>Stock Option                       | \$ 24.43  | Â                                       | Â   | Â                                       | Â  | Â                                | (2)  | 05/10/2011         | Common<br>Stock   | 10,00                           |
| Non-Qualified<br>Performance<br>Stock Option        | \$ 24.43  | Â                                       | Â   | Â                                       | Â  | Â                                | (6)  | 05/10/2011         | Common<br>Stock   | 10,00                           |
| Non-Qualified<br>Stock Option                       | \$ 22.995   | Â                                       | Â   | Â                                       | Â  | Â                                | (2)  | 05/09/2012         | Common<br>Stock   | 20,00                           |
| Non-Qualified<br>Performance<br>Stock Option        | \$ 22.995   | Â                                       | Â   | Â                                       | Â  | Â                                | (7)  | 05/09/2012         | Common<br>Stock   | 10,00                           |

| Non-Qualified<br>Stock Option | \$ 14.925 | Â | Â |   |   |   |   |     | 12/12/2012 |                 |       |
|-------------------------------|-----------|---|---|---|---|---|---|-----|------------|-----------------|-------|
| Non-Qualified<br>Stock Option | \$ 17.31  | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â | (2) | 05/06/2014 | Common<br>Stock | 30,00 |
| Non-Qualified<br>Stock Option | \$ 18.095 | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â | (2) | 06/24/2014 | Common<br>Stock | 10,00 |

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Person

| Reporting Owner Name / Addre                           | SS                         | Relationships |                       |   |  |  |  |  |
|--|----------------------------|---------------|-----------------------|---|--|--|--|--|
| 1  | Director 10% Owner Officer |               |                       |   |  |  |  |  |
| Flora Jon C<br>1014 VINE STREET<br>CINCINNATI, OH 4520 | Â<br>2                     | Â             | Senior Vice President | Â |  |  |  |  |
| Signatures   |                            |               |                       |   |  |  |  |  |
| /s/ Jon C. Flora 0                                     | 3/04/2005                  |               |                       |   |  |  |  |  |
| **Signature of   | 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) The total 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.
- (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.

(3) These options will vest during the first four years from the date of the grant only if the Company's stock price has achieved a 63% appreciation from the option price. Thereafter, the options vest only if the Company's stock price has achieved a minimum of 13% appreciation per annum from the date of grant or 200% appreciation, whichever is less. The options vest nine years and six months after grant, if not sooner vested.

(4) These options will vest during the first four years from the date of the grant only if the Company's stock price has achieved a 75% appreciation from the option price. Thereafter, the options vest only if the Company's stock price has achieved a minimum 15% appreciation per annum from the date of grant or 252% appreciation, whichever is less. The options vest nine years and six months after grant, if not sooner vested.

(5) These options will vest during the first four years from the date of the grant only if the Company's stock price has achieved an 81% appreciation from the option price. Thereafter, the options vest only if the Company's stock price has achieved a minimum 16% appreciation per annum from the date of grant or 280% appreciation, whichever is less. The options vest nine years and six months after grant, if not sooner vested.

(6) These options will vest during the first four years from the date of the grant only if the Company's stock price has achieved a 78% appreciation from the option price. Thereafter, the options vest only if the Company's stock price has achieved a minimum 15% appreciation per annum from the date of grant or 208% appreciation, whichever is less. The options vest nine years and six months after grant, if not sooner vested.

These options will vest during the first four years from the date of the grant only if the Company's stock price has achieved a 55% appreciation from the option price. Thereafter, the options vest only if the Company's stock price has achieved a minimum 13%

(7) appreciation from the option prec. Therearter, the options vest only if the company's stock prec has achieved a minimum 15% appreciation per annum from the date of grant or 185% appreciation, whichever is less. The options vest nine years and six months after grant, if not sooner vested.

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