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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1(b).

(Last)

(City)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * LIDDY EDWARD M

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

Issuer

(Middle)

(Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

KROGER CO [KR]

X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify

below)

THE ALLSTATE CORPORATION, 2775 SANDERS

(Street)

(State)

(First)

RD., SUITE F-9

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Month/Day/Year)

06/30/2005

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

NORTHBROOK, IL 60062

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3) (Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially (D) or Owned Following (Instr. 4)

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect Beneficial Ownership Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)

Reported Transaction(s)

or (Instr. 3 and 4)

Common Stock

Code V Amount (D) Price

(A)

14,600 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))	Pate	7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securities
				Code V	(A) (Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Phantom Stock	\$ 0 <u>(1)</u>	06/30/2005		A	540.3458	(2)	(2)	Common Stock	540.3458

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
• 0	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
LIDDY EDWARD M THE ALLSTATE CORPORATION 2775 SANDERS RD., SUITE F-9 NORTHBROOK, IL 60062	X						

Signatures

/s/ Edward M. Liddy, by Bruce M. Gack, Attorney-in-Fact

07/02/2005

**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) Each phantom share represents the right to receive in cash the value of one share of common stock upon distribution from the deferred compensation account.
- (2) Shares of phantom stock are payable in cash following termination of the reporting person's services as an Independent Director of Kroger.

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