SHACKOULS BOBBY S

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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may continue.

See Instruction

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

Common

Stock

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading SHACKOULS BOBBY S Issuer Symbol KROGER CO [KR] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify C/O THE KROGER CO., 1014 06/01/2018 below) VINE STREET 4. If Amendment, Date Original (Street) 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 CINCINNATI, OH 45202 (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of TransactionAcquired (A) or Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code Disposed of (D) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Owned Indirect (I) Ownership Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5. Number of	6. Date Exer	cisable and	7. Title and A	Amount of	
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactio	onDerivative	Expiration D	Expiration Date		Underlying Securities	
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	Securities	(Month/Day/	Year)	(Instr. 3 and	4)	
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A)	or				
	Derivative				Disposed of (I))				
	Security				(Instr. 3, 4, and	1				
	•				5)					
				Code V	(A) (I	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Phantom Stock - Incentive Shares	\$ 0 <u>(1)</u>	06/01/2018		A	120.072 (2)	(3)	(3)	Common Stock	120.072	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
1	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
SHACKOULS BOBBY S C/O THE KROGER CO. 1014 VINE STREET CINCINNATI, OH 45202	X					

Signatures

/s/ Bobby S. Shackouls, by Dorothy D. Roberts, Attorney-in-Fact

06/04/2018

**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 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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