**KROGER CO** Form 4 June 02, 2015

### FORM 4

#### **OMB APPROVAL**

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See Instruction 1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * BEYER ROBERT D			2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol KROGER CO [KR]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)		
			(Month/Day/Year)	X Director 10% Owner		
C/O THE KROGER CO.,, 1014 VINE STREET			06/01/2015	Officer (give title Delow)  Other (specified below)		
	(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		
CINCINNA'	TI, OH 4520	2		Person		

(City)	(State) (2	Table	I - Non-Do	erivative S	ecurities Ac	quired, Disposed	of, or Beneficia	lly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities nAcquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D) Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) 113,992	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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number on f Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	e Expiration D	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date Underlying So (Instr. 3 and 4)		Securities	8. Price Derive Securior (Instr.
				Code V	(A) (D	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Phantom Stock - Incentive Shares	\$ 0 (1)	06/01/2015		A	8.565 (2)	(3)	(3)	Common Stock	8.565	\$ 72

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
BEYER ROBERT D C/O THE KROGER CO.,	X						
1014 VINE STREET CINCINNATI, OH 45202	Λ						

# **Signatures**

/s/ Robert D. Beyer, by Stacey M. Heiser,
Attorney-in-Fact

06/02/2015

\*\*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 are payable following termination of the reporting person's services as an Independent Director of Kroger.

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