KROGER CO Form 4 June 28, 2011

FORM 4

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

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See Instruction 1(b).

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Williams R. Pete

(First)

(Street)

(State)

06/24/2011

(Month/Day/Year)

(Middle)

(Zip)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

1014 VINE STREET

(Last)

(City)

1. Title of

Security

(Instr. 3)

Common

Stock

CINCINNATI, OH 45202

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

KROGER CO [KR]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

06/24/2011

4. If Amendment, Date Original

(Month/Day/Year)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

3.

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of Transaction(A) or Disposed of Securities

Code (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

(A)

or Code V Amount (D) 1,901 F (1)

\$ D 24.5

Price

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

OMB

Number:

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Estimated average

burden hours per

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January 31,

2005

0.5

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

Senior Vice President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

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

6. Ownership 7. Nature of

Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership

(Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

90,844.4142 D

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

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Beneficially

Owned Following

Reported

(2)

Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4)

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 | 2. Conversion | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 4. Transactio | 5. orNumber | 6. Date Exerc Expiration D | | 7. Title at Amount of | | 8. Price of Derivative | 9. Nu Deriv |
|------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| Security (Instr. 3) | or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | (monda, Day, Teal) | (Month/Day/Year) | Code (Instr. 8) | of (Month/Day/Ye Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | | | Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | | Security (Instr. 5) | Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr |
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | or Title Nu of | nount umber uares | | |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Williams R. Pete 1014 VINE STREET CINCINNATI, OH 45202

Senior Vice President

Signatures

/s/ R. Pete Williams, by Bruce M. Gack, Attorney-in-Fact

06/24/2011

**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) Payment of tax liability associated with restricted stock.
- (2) The total amount of securities directly owned by the reporting person includes shares in the Company's employee benefit plans that are deemed to be 'tax-conditioned plans' pursuant to Rule 16b-3, to the extent disclosed on reports received from plan trustees.

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