KROGER CO Form 4

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

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Dougherty Kevin M

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

below)

KROGER CO [KR]

(First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 12/12/2013

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

below)

THE KROGER CO., 1014 VINE STREET

(Street)

(State)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Group 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

CINCINNATI, OH 45202

1.Title of

Security

(Instr. 3)

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

(Zip)

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

5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Securities Form: Direct Indirect Beneficially (D) or Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership Owned Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

D

Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

(A)

3,375 Common 12/12/2013 A (1) Stock

(Month/Day/Year)

71,997.2374 \$0 (2)

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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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Dougherty Kevin M THE KROGER CO. 1014 VINE STREET CINCINNATI, OH 45202

Group Vice President

Signatures

/s/ Kevin M. Dougherty, by Bruce M. Gack

12/13/2013

**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) Restricted stock awarded pursuant to a long-term incentive plan of The Kroger Co. The restrictions lapse as to 50% one year from the date of the award, and as to 50% two years from the date of the award.
- (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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