KROGER CO

Form 4

February 21, 2003

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* 2. Issuer Name 4. Statement for 6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) Marmer, Lynn and Ticker or Trading (Month/Day/Year to Issuer Symbol (Check all applicable) 02/20/2003 (Last) (First) Director _ 10% Owner The Kroger Co. (Middle) X Officer (give title below) 1014 Vine Street KR _ Other (specify below) 5. If Amendment, 3. I.R.S. Identification (Street) Date of Original Description **Group Vice** Number of Reporting Cincinnati, OH 45202 (Month/Day/Year) <u>President</u> Person, if an entity (voluntary) (City) (State) 7. Individual or Joint/Group (Zip) Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially 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. Securit n(A) or Dis (Instr. 3	posed	Of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Owner- ship Form: Direct (D)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership		
			Code	٧	Amount	A/D	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)	or Indirect (I) (Instr.	(Instr. 4)		
Common Stock	02/20/2003		F		228 (1)	D	\$	27,219.0239	D			

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)															
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. Transa Code (Inst		of Deri	rivat Secu quire or pos Inst	and ive Ex in Diets ed (M	rcisab xpirati e(ED)	Ùn p 6 ecui	int of derlying rities str. 3 and	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr.5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr.4)	10. Owner- ship Form of Deriv- ative Securities: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr.4)	11. Na Ina Be Ov (Ir
				Code	٧	Α	D	DE	ED	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				

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Explanation of Responses:

(1) Payment of tax liability associated with restricted stock.

- The total amount of securities directly owned by the reporting person includes shares in the Company's employee benefit plans which are deemed to be "tax-conditioned plans" pursuant to Rule 16b-3, to the extent disclosed on reports received from plan trustees.

By: Date:

<u>/s/</u> <u>02/21/2003</u>

Lynn Marmer, by Bruce M. Gack, Attorney-in-Fact

** Signature of Reporting Person SEC 1474 (9-02)

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

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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