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obligati may co	ions Section 17	(a) of the l	Public I	Utility	Ho		mpa	ny Ac	ange Act of 1934 et of 1935 or Sect 1940						
(Print or Type	e Responses)														
1. Name and DILLON I	g Person <u>*</u>	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol KROGER CO [KR]						5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer							
(Last)	(First)	rst) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction						(Cr	(Check all applicable)						
1014 VINI		(Month/Day/Year) 09/30/2005						X_ Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) Chairman of the Board and CEO							
CINICININ		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)						 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting 							
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(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Ta	ble I - ľ	Non-	Derivativ	e Sec	urities	Acquired, Disposed	l of, o	r Benef	ïcially	Owned	1	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Execution I any)	BeneficiallyForOwnedDirFollowingor IReported(I)		7. Nature of nership Indirect Benefici n: Ownership ct (D) (Instr. 4) ndirect tr. 4)		ficial			
				Code	v	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)	(msu	. 4)				
Common Stock	09/30/2005			G		6,000	D	\$0	219,100	Ι		by spous	se/chil	ldren	
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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)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	ative Conversion (Month/D ity or Exercise		Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year	Code	5. ionNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		ate	Amo Unde Secur	tele and unt of rrlying rities : 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secu Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
					Code V	′ (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		
Reporting Owners												
Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships												
		Direc		10% Owner	Officer		Other					
1014 VIN	DAVID B IE STREET NATI, OH 4		Х		Chairmar	n of the Bo	oard and CE	EO				

Signatures

/s/ David B. Dillon, by Bruce M. Gack, Attorney-in-Fact	09/30/2005			
**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) 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.

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