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

Common

Stock

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(Month/Day/Year)

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(Instr. 8)

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Owned at end of

Issuer's Fiscal

(Instr. 3 and 4)

10,981.3422

Year

(D) or

D

Indirect (I)

(Instr. 4)

SEC 2270 (9-02)

Ownership

(Instr. 4)

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Amount

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(A)

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Price

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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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	Number		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount Underlying Securitie (Instr. 3 and 4)	
					(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amour or Number of Shar
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 22.2344	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	(2)	04/15/2008	Common Stock	9,00
Non-Qualified Performance Stock Option	\$ 22.2344	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	(3)	04/15/2008	Common Stock	9,00
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 27.1719	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	(2)	05/26/2009	Common Stock	9,00
Non-Qualified Performance Stock Option	\$ 27.1719	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	(4)	05/26/2009	Common Stock	9,00
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 16.5938	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	(2)	02/10/2010	Common Stock	4,50
Non-Qualified Performance Stock Option	\$ 16.5938	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	(5)	02/10/2010	Common Stock	4,50
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 24.43	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	(2)	05/09/2011	Common Stock	4,50
Non-Qualified Performance Stock Option	\$ 24.43	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	(6)	05/09/2011	Common Stock	4,50
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 22.995	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	(2)	05/09/2012	Common Stock	4,50
Non-Qualified Performance Stock Option	\$ 22.995	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	(7)	05/09/2012	Common Stock	4,50
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 14.925	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	(2)	12/12/2012	Common Stock	10,00
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 17.31	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	(2)	05/06/2014	Common Stock	12,00
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 16.385	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	(2)	05/05/2015	Common Stock	12,00

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

HENDERSON SCOTT M 1014 VINE STREET CINCINNATI, OHÂ 45202

 \hat{A} \hat{A} \hat{A} Vice President & Treasurer \hat{A}

Signatures

/s/ Scott M. Henderson 03/06/2006

**Signature of Date
Reporting Person

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.
- (2) These options were granted under an option plan of The Kroger Co. and vest in equal annual installments in whole amounts over a five-year period, at the rate of 20% per year commencing one year from the date of grant.
- These options will vest during the first four years from the date of the grant only if the Company's stock price has achieved a 63% appreciation from the option price. Thereafter, the options vest only if the Company's stock price has achieved a minimum of 13% appreciation per annum from the date of grant or 200% appreciation, whichever is less. The options vest nine years and six months after grant, if not sooner vested.
- These options will vest during the first four years from the date of the grant only if the Company's stock price has achieved a 75% appreciation from the option price. Thereafter, the options vest only if the Company's stock price has achieved a minimum 15% appreciation per annum from the date of grant or 252% appreciation, whichever is less. The options vest nine years and six months after grant, if not sooner vested.
- These options will vest during the first four years from the date of the grant only if the Company's stock price has achieved an 81% appreciation from the option price. Thereafter, the options vest only if the Company's stock price has achieved a minimum 16% appreciation per annum from the date of grant or 280% appreciation, whichever is less. The options vest nine years and six months after grant, if not sooner vested.
- These options will vest during the first four years from the date of the grant only if the Company's stock price has achieved a 78% appreciation from the option price. Thereafter, the options vest only if the Company's stock price has achieved a minimum 15% appreciation per annum from the date of grant or 208% appreciation, whichever is less. The options vest nine years and six months after grant, if not sooner vested.
- These options will vest during the first four years from the date of the grant only if the Company's stock price has achieved a 55% appreciation from the option price. Thereafter, the options vest only if the Company's stock price has achieved a minimum 13% appreciation per annum from the date of grant or 185% appreciation, whichever is less. The options vest nine years and six months after grant, if not sooner vested.

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