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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 Form 4

Transactions Reported

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of

securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

may continue.

	Address of Reporting MARNETTE	Symbol	Name and Tic ER CO [KR		ling	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer				
(Last) 1014 VINE	, , , ,	,	nent for Issuer's Day/Year) 2006	s Fiscal Yea	ar Ended	(Check all applicable) Director 10% OwnerX Officer (give title Other (specify below) Senior Vice President				
	(Street)		endment, Date nth/Day/Year)	Original		6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting (check applicable line)				
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(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-Der	ivative Sec	curities Acq	uired, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y Owned		
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securiti (A) or Dis (D) (Instr. 3, 4)	•	Securities Beneficially Owned at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
Common Stock	04/11/2003	Â	A4	25,000 (1) (2)	A \$0	76,493.6106 (3)	D	Â		

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 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)	5. Numb of Deriv Secur Acqui (A) of Dispo of (D) (Instr.	vative rities ired r osed)	6. Date Exerc Expiration D (Month/Day/	ate	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	\$ 10.375	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	(4)	04/17/2006	Common Stock	16,00
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 13.4375	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	(5)	05/14/2007	Common Stock	6,00
Non-Qualified Performance Stock Option	\$ 13.4375	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	(6)	05/14/2007	Common Stock	6,00
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 14.5938	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	(5)	09/10/2007	Common Stock	16,00
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 22.2344	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	(5)	04/15/2008	Common Stock	18,00
Non-Qualified Performance Stock Option	\$ 22.2344	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	(6)	04/15/2008	Common Stock	18,00
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 27.1719	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	(5)	05/26/2009	Common Stock	18,00
Non-Qualified Performance Stock Option	\$ 27.1719	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	(7)	05/26/2009	Common Stock	18,00
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 16.5938	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	(5)	02/10/2010	Common Stock	10,00
Non-Qualified Performance Stock Option	\$ 16.5938	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	(8)	02/10/2010	Common Stock	10,00
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 24.43	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	(5)	05/09/2011	Common Stock	10,00
Non-Qualified Performance Stock Option	\$ 24.43	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	(9)	05/09/2011	Common Stock	10,00
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 22.995	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	(5)	05/09/2012	Common Stock	20,00

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Non-Qualified Performance Stock Option	\$ 22.995	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	(10)	05/09/2012	Common Stock	10,00
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 14.925	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	(5)	12/12/2012	Common Stock	60,00
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 18.185	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	(5)	09/17/2013	Common Stock	20,00
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 17.31	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	(5)	05/06/2014	Common Stock	40,00
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 16.385	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	(5)	05/05/2015	Common Stock	40,00

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director 10% Own		Officer	Other			
PERRY M MARNETTE 1014 VINE STREET CINCINNATIÂ OHÂ 45202	Â	Â	Senior Vice President	Â			

Signatures

/s/ M. Marnette
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**Signature of Reporting Person

O3/10/2006

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 on these shares lapse 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 the award.
- (2) This transaction inadvertently was not reported on a prior Form 4.
- (3) 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.
- These options were granted under an option plan of The Kroger Co. and vest in equal annual installments in whole share amounts over a (4) three-year period, at the rate of one-third per year commencing one year after the date of grant, with the remainder vesting three years from the date of grant.
- (5) 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.

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- 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.
- (9) 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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