KROGER CO Form 4 June 25, 2015

## FORM 4

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(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Clark Robert W | 2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol KROGER CO [KR] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer   |  |  |  |
|--|---|--|--|--|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) THE KROGER CO., 1014 VINE STREET | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 06/23/2015       | (Check all applicable)  Director 10% OwnerX_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)  Group Vice President                                   |  |  |  |
| (Street) CINCINNATI, OH 45202                            | 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 Person |  |  |  |

| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned |
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|--------|---------|-------|--|

| 1.Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3.<br>Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired on(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned         | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or | Ownership  |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|----------------------------------|------------|
|                                      |   |   | Code V                                  | (A) or Amount (D) Price   | Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 4)       | (Instr. 4) |
| Common<br>Stock                      | 06/23/2015                              |   | F                                       | 330 (1) D \$ 73.45  | 51,380.5182   | D                                |            |
| Common<br>Stock                      | 06/24/2015                              |   | F                                       | 342 (1) D \$ 72.94  | 51,038.5182<br>(2)  | D                                |            |

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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| 1. Title of | 2.          | 3. Transaction Date | 3A. Deemed         | 4.         | 5.         | 6. Date Exerc    | cisable and | 7. Titl | le and       | 8. Price of | 9 |
|-------------|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------|------------|------------------|-------------|---------|--------------|-------------|---|
| Derivative  | Conversion  | (Month/Day/Year)    | Execution Date, if | Transact   | ionNumber  | Expiration Da    | ate         | Amou    | int of       | Derivative  | J |
| Security    | or Exercise |                     | any                | Code       | of         | (Month/Day/      | Year)       | Under   | lying        | Security    | , |
| (Instr. 3)  | Price of    |                     | (Month/Day/Year)   | (Instr. 8) | Derivative | e                |             | Secur   | ities        | (Instr. 5)  | ] |
|             | Derivative  |                     |                    |            | Securities |                  |             | (Instr. | 3 and 4)     |             | ( |
|             | Security    |                     |                    |            | Acquired   |                  |             |         |              |             | J |
|             | _           |                     |                    |            | (A) or     |                  |             |         |              |             | J |
|             |             |                     |                    |            | Disposed   |                  |             |         |              |             | - |
|             |             |                     |                    |            | of (D)     |                  |             |         |              |             | ( |
|             |             |                     |                    |            | (Instr. 3, |                  |             |         |              |             |   |
|             |             |                     |                    |            | 4, and 5)  |                  |             |         |              |             |   |
|             |             |                     |                    |            |            |                  |             |         | Amount       |             |   |
|             |             |                     |                    |            |            |                  |             |         | Amount       |             |   |
|             |             |                     |                    |            |            | Date             | Expiration  | Title   | or<br>Number |             |   |
|             |             |                     |                    |            |            | Exercisable Date |             | of      |              |             |   |
|             |             |                     |                    | C-1- 1     | 7 (A) (D)  |                  |             |         |              |             |   |
|             |             |                     |                    | Code V     | (A) (D)    |                  |             |         | Shares       |             |   |

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Clark Robert W THE KROGER CO. 1014 VINE STREET CINCINNATI, OH 45202

Group Vice President

## **Signatures**

/s/ Robert W. Clark, by Stacey M. Heiser, Attorney-in-Fact

06/25/2015

\*\*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) Payment of tax liability associated with restricted stock.
- (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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