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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Ad Sharp Erin S	*	rting Person *	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol KROGER CO [KR]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)			
1014 VINE STREET			(Month/Day/Year) 03/10/2016	Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (special below) Group Vice President			
(Street)			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			
CINCINNA	ГІ, ОН 4520)2		Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			

(City)	(State)	(State) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned								
1.Title of Security	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D)				5. Amount of Securities	7. Nature of Indirect			
(Instr. 3)		any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)			5)	Beneficially Owned	Form: Direct (D) or	Beneficial Ownership	
					(A) or		Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	03/10/2016		Code V A	Amount 5,250	(D)	Price \$ 0	65,858.8804	D		
Common Stock	03/10/2016		F	1,797 (1)	D	\$ 37.73	64,061.8804 (2) (3)	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)

1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Title	and	8. Price of	9. Nu
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	TransactionNumber		Expiration Date		Amoun	t of	Derivative	Deriv
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Underly	ying	Security	Secui
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						Exercisable	Date	Title Number of			
				C + V	(A) (D)						
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Officer Other Director 10% Owner

Sharp Erin S 1014 VINE STREET CINCINNATI, OH 45202

Group Vice President

Signatures

/s/ Erin S. Sharp, by Stacey M. Heiser, Attorney-in-Fact

03/14/2016

**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 share award.
- Between September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2015, the reporting person acquired 8.4014 shares of Kroger common stock in the **(2)** Company's employee benefit plans, based on information from plan trustees.
- 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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