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See instruction1(b).Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,Form 3 HoldingsSection 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or SectionReported30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940TransactionsReported									
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> Sharp Erin S (Last) (First) (Middle)		rting Person <u>*</u>	2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol KROGER CO [KR]	Reporting Per	son(s) to				
		(Middle)	3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended	(Check	eck all applicable)				
1014 VINE ST		(inidale)	(Month/Day/Year) 01/31/2015	Director X Officer (give below)	title Oth below)	6 Owner er (specify			
				Group	Vice Presider	ıt			
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joi	int/Group Rep	orting			
			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	applicable line)					
CINCINNATI	, OH 4	5202							

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(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	le I - Non-Der	ivative Se	curitie	es Acqu	uired, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securi Acquired Disposed (Instr. 3, Amount	(A) o of (D	)	5. Amount of 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	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	27,335.8414 (1) (2)	D	Â

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 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. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		6. Date Exerc Expiration D (Month/Day/	ate	7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and 4	Securitie
					(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amour or Numbe of Shar
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 21.96	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	(3)	07/12/2022	Common Stock	3,62
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 26.9	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	(3)	12/06/2022	Common Stock	7,25
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 37.76	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	(3)	07/15/2023	Common Stock	20,50
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 49.33	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	(3)	07/15/2024	Common Stock	15,00

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
1 8	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Sharp Erin S 1014 VINE STREET CINCINNATI, OH 45202	Â	Â	Group Vice President	Â		

## Signatures

/s/ Erin S. Sharp	02/18/2015			
<u>**</u> 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).
- Between February 2, 2014 and January 31, 2015, the reporting person acquired 602.8019 shares of Kroger common stock in the
  (1) 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 by plan trustees.
- (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.
- (3) These options were granted under a long-term incentive 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 the grant.

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