### **KROGER CO**

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES** 

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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Montoya Jorge P Issuer Symbol KROGER CO [KR] (Check all applicable) (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction X\_\_ Director (Month/Day/Year) 10% Owner Other (specify Officer (give title C/O THE KROGER CO... 1014 12/09/2011 below) VINE STREET 4. If Amendment, Date Original (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

#### CINCINNATI, OH 45202

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	Perivative Securities A	equired, Disposed o	of, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired on (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)  (A) or Amount (D) Price	Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	12/09/2011		F	$814 \frac{(1)}{23.9}$ D $\frac{\$}{23.9}$	15,097	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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				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
•	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Montoya Jorge P C/O THE KROGER CO., 1014 VINE STREET CINCINNATI, OH 45202	X					

## **Signatures**

/s/ Jorge P. Montoya, by Bruce M. Gack, Attorney-in-Fact

12/12/2011

\*\*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.

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