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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Dougherty Kevin M Issuer Symbol KROGER CO [KR] (Check all applicable) (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner Other (specify X_ Officer (give title THE KROGER CO., 1014 VINE 03/14/2013 below) below) STREET Group Vice President (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 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

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(City)	(State) (Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned									
1.Title of Security	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if	3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of			•	5. Amount of Securities	6. Ownership Form: Direct	7. Nature of Indirect		
(Instr. 3)		any	Code	(D)			Beneficially	(D) or	Beneficial		
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	(Instr. 3,	4 and	5)	Owned Following	Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Ownership (Instr. 4)		
					(A) or		Reported Transaction(s)				
			Code V	Amount		Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)				
Common Stock	03/14/2013		A	928	A	\$ 0	65,156.2374	D			
Common Stock	03/14/2013		F	349 (1)	D	\$ 31.5	64,807.2374 (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)

1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Title	and	8. Price of	9. Nu
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				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Officer Other Director 10% Owner

Dougherty Kevin M THE KROGER CO. 1014 VINE STREET CINCINNATI, OH 45202

Group Vice President

Signatures

/s/ Kevin M. Dougherty, by Bruce M. Gack, Attorney-in-Fact

03/20/2013

**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.
- The total amount of securities directly owned by the reporting person includes shares in the Company's employee benefit plans that are **(2)** 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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