### BEYER ROBERT D

Form 4

December 11, 2018

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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1(b).

(Last)

(City)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* BEYER ROBERT D

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

KROGER CO [KR]

12/07/2018

(Middle)

(Zip)

(Check all applicable)

C/O THE KROGER CO... 1014

(Street)

(State)

(First)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

X\_ Director Officer (give title

below)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

10% Owner Other (specify

VINE 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 Form filed by More than One Reporting

CINCINNATI, OH 45202

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired (A) 5. Amount of 7. Nature of 6. Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction Disposed of (D) Securities Ownership Indirect (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially Form: Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned Direct (D) Ownership Following or Indirect (Instr. 4) Reported (I) (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price Common 12/07/2018 \$ 13.07 262,560 M 13,000 Α D Stock Common 12/07/2018 S 5,760 D 256,800 D Stock

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 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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exer Expiration D (Month/Day	ate	7. Title and Amour Underlying Securit (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amo or Num of Sh
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 13.07	12/07/2018		M	13,000	(1)	12/11/2018	Common Stock	13,0

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
1 8	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
BEYER ROBERT D							
C/O THE KROGER CO.,	X						
1014 VINE STREET	Λ						
CINCINNATI, OH 45202							

# **Signatures**

/s/ Robert D. Beyer, by Stacey M. Heiser, Attorney-in-Fact

12/11/2018

Date

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

## **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) These options were granted under a long-term incentive plan of The Kroger Co. and vested in equal annual installments 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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