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FORM 4

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

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1(b).

(Last)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Sutton Mark S

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Symbol

(Middle)

KROGER CO [KR] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Check all applicable) X_ Director 10% Owner

C/O THE KROGER CO., 1014

(First)

(Street)

(Month/Day/Year) 03/01/2019

Officer (give title Other (specify below)

VINE STREET

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

3.

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

CINCINNATI, OH 45202

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially (D) or Owned Following Reported

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A) or

4. Securities

Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

Common Stock

9,691 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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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of torDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4,	Expiration Date Unde		7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securities Der	
			Code V	and 5) (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Phantom Stock - Incentive Shares	\$ 0 (1)	03/01/2019	A	31.568 (2)	(3)	(3)	Common Stock	31.568	\$ 2

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Sutton Mark S C/O THE KROGER CO. 1014 VINE STREET CINCINNATI, OH 45202	X					

Signatures

/S/ Mark S. Sutton, by Stacey M. Heiser, Attorney-in-Fact

03/04/2019

**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) Each phantom share represents the right to receive one common share upon distribution from the deferred compensation account.
- (2) Represents phantom stock acquired in dividend reinvestment transactions under a deferred compensation plan of The Kroger Co.
- (3) Shares of phantom stock will be distributed following termination of the reporting person's services as an Independent Director of The Kroger Co.

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