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OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

See Instruction Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, 1(b). Form 3 Holdings Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section Reported

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 Form 4

Transactions Reported

securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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1. Name and A BOEHM W	Address of Reporting ILLIAM T	Symbol	 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol KROGER CO [KR] 3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year) 02/03/2007 				5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify			
(Last)	(First) (1	(Month/I								
1014 VINE	STREET						below) Senior	below) Vice President		
	(Street)		f Amendment, Date Original d(Month/Day/Year)				6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting (check applicable line)			
CINCINNA (City)	TI, OH 45202 (State)	(7:n)	le I - Non-Der	ivative Sec	curitic		_X_ Form Filed by C Form Filed by M Person nired, Disposed of,	Iore than One Re	porting	
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. Securit Acquired Disposed (Instr. 3, 4)	(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	77,037.3291 (1) (2)	D	Â	
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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 Derivate Security Acquires (A) or Dispose of (D) (Instr. 3 4, and 5	tive ries red ed	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount Underlying Securitie (Instr. 3 and 4)	
					(A) (I	D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amour or Number of Shar
Non-Qualified Performance Stock Option	\$ 13.4375	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	(3)	05/15/2007	Common Stock	9,00
Non-Qualified Performance Stock Option	\$ 22.2344	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	(3)	04/16/2008	Common Stock	10,00
Non-Qualified Performance Stock Option	\$ 27.1719	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	(4)	05/27/2009	Common Stock	10,00
Non-Qualified Performance Stock Option	\$ 16.5938	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	(5)	02/11/2010	Common Stock	5,00
Non-Qualified Performance Stock Option	\$ 22.995	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	(6)	05/09/2012	Common Stock	10,00
Non-Qualified Performance Stock Option	\$ 24.43	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	(7)	05/10/2011	Common Stock	10,00
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 22.995	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	(8)	05/09/2012	Common Stock	20,00
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 13.44	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	(8)	05/15/2007	Common Stock	9,00
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 14.925	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	(8)	12/12/2012	Common Stock	60,00
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 17.31	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	(8)	05/06/2014	Common Stock	40,00
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 16.385	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	(8)	05/05/2015	Common Stock	40,00
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 19.94	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	(8)	05/04/2016	Common Stock	20,00
Non-Qualified	\$ 24.43	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	(8)	05/10/2011	Common	10,00

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Stock Option								Stock	
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 16.5938 Â	 Â	Â	Â	Â	(8)	02/11/2010	Common Stock	5,00
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 27.1719 Â	 Â	Â	Â	Â	(8)	05/27/2009	Common Stock	10,00
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 22.2344 Â	 Â	Â	Â	Â	(8)	04/16/2008	Common Stock	10,00

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
•	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
BOEHM WILLIAM T 1014 VINE STREET CINCINNATI, OH 45202	Â	Â	Senior Vice President	Â			

Signatures

/s/ William T.
Boehm

**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 January 29, 2006 and February 3, 2007, the reporting person acquired 236.1733 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 from 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.
- These options will vest during the first four years from the date of the grant only if the Company's stock price has achieved a 63% appreciation from the option price. Thereafter, the options vest only if the Company's stock price has achieved a minimum of 13% appreciation per annum from the date of grant or 200% appreciation, whichever is less. The options vest nine years and six months after grant, if not sooner vested.
- These options will vest during the first four years from the date of the grant only if the Company's stock price has achieved a 75% appreciation from the option price. Thereafter, the options vest only if the Company's stock price has achieved a minimum 15% appreciation per annum from the date of grant or 252% appreciation, whichever is less. The options vest nine years and six months after grant, if not sooner vested.
- These options will vest during the first four years from the date of the grant only if the Company's stock price has achieved an 81% appreciation from the option price. Thereafter, the options vest only if the Company's stock price has achieved a minimum 16% appreciation per annum from the date of grant or 280% appreciation, whichever is less. The options vest nine years and six months after grant, if not sooner vested.
- These options will vest during the first four years from the date of the grant only if the Company's stock price has achieved a 55% appreciation from the option price. Thereafter, the options vest only if the Company's stock price has achieved a minimum 13% appreciation per annum from the date of grant or 185% appreciation, whichever is less. The options vest nine years and six months after grant, if not sooner vested.
- (7) These options will vest during the first four years from the date of the grant only if the Company's stock price has achieved a 78% appreciation from the option price. Thereafter, the options vest only if the Company's stock price has achieved a minimum 15%

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appreciation per annum from the date of grant or 208% appreciation, whichever is less. The options vest nine years and six months after grant, if not sooner vested.

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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