KROGER CO Form 4

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(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * PERRY M MARNETTE | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | | | |
|--|----------|----------|--|---|--|--|--|
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | KROGER CO [KR] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction | (Check all applicable) | | | |
| 1014 VINE STI | REET | | (Month/Day/Year) 12/09/2013 | Director 10% Owner Sofficer (give title Other (specify below) Senior Vice President | | | |
| | (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 | | | |
| CINCINNATI, | OH 45202 | (7in) | | Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | |

| (City) | (State) | (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|---|---|--------------|---|--|---|--|--|
| 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. Securities Approx Disposed of (Instr. 3, 4 and (Approx Amount (D | f (D) 15) | 5. Amount of 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 | 12/09/2013 | | S | 10,000 D | \$ 40.355 | 127,015.1535 (1) | 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 | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transacti Code (Instr. 8) | | | ate | 7. Title Amoun Under | int of lying ities | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene |
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| | Derivative Security | | | | Securities Acquired | | | (Instr. | 3 and 4) | | Owne Follo |
| | | | | | (A) or Disposed | | | | | | Repo Trans |
| | | | | | of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | | | | | | (Instr |
| | | | | | 4, and 3) | | | | Amount | | |
| | | | | | | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | or Number of | | |
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | | | | Shares | | |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

PERRY M MARNETTE 1014 VINE STREET CINCINNATI, OH 45202

Senior Vice President

Signatures

/s/ M. Marnette Perry, by Bruce M. Gack, Attorney-in-Fact

12/10/2013

**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) 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.

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