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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 Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)  
(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) 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) Code V Amount (A) or (D) Price Common Stock 06/23/2011 A 5,500 <sup>(1)</sup> A \$ 0 22,250 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 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 Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 24.74	06/23/2011		A	6,500	<sup>(2)</sup> 06/23/2021	Common Stock	6,500

**Reporting Owners**

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

**Signatures**

/s/ Ronald L. Sargent, by Paul W. Heldman,  
Attorney-in-Fact 06/27/2011

\_\_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) Restricted stock awarded pursuant to a long-term incentive plan of The Kroger Co. The restrictions lapse as to 50% one year from the date of the award, and as to 50% two years from the date of the award.
- (2) 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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