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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

Stock

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * FIKE CARIN L			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol KROGER CO [KR]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction			
	OCED CO	1014	(Month/Day/Year)	Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify		
C/O THE KROGER CO., 1014 VINE STREET			07/03/2018	below) Vice President and Treasurer		
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
CINCINNATI	, ОН 45202		Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Ta	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned								
1.Title of	2. Transaction Date	2A. Deemed	3.	4. Securities Acquired	5. Amount of	6.	7. Nature of				
Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, i	f Transaction	or(A) or Disposed of (D)	Securities	Ownership	Indirect				
(Instr 3)		anv	Code	(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	Beneficially	Form: Direct	Beneficial				

(IIIsu. 3)		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	07/03/2018		M	4,000	A		29,360.681	D	
Common Stock	07/03/2018		S	4,000	D	\$ 28.764	25,360.681 (1)	D	
Common							3,986	I	by Spouse

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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 proof Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	ative Expiration Date es (Month/Day/Year) d		7. Title and Amount Underlying Securitie (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amour or Number of Shares
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 11.17	07/03/2018		M	4,000	(2)	06/25/2019	Common Stock	4,00

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
FIKE CARIN L			Vice				
C/O THE KROGER CO.			, 100				
1014 VINE STREET			President and				
CINCINNATI, OH 45202			Treasurer				

Signatures

/s/ Carin L. Fike, by Stacey M. Heiser, Attorney-in-Fact 07/05/2018 **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 October 1, 2017 and June 30, 2018, the reporting person acquired 40.3458 shares of Kroger common stock in the Company's employee benefit plans, based on information from plan trustees. 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 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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