

KROGER CO  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**PHILLIPS SUSAN M**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**GEORGE WASHINGTON  
UNIVERSITY, 710 21ST ST.,  
GOVT. HALL, SUITE 206**

(Street)

**WASHINGTON, DC 20052**

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**KROGER CO [KR]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
**08/13/2007**

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**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 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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)			
			Code	V	Amount		Price
Common Stock	08/13/2007		M		4,000	A	\$ 16.6
					21,000		D
Common Stock	08/13/2007		M		1,000	A	\$ 19.525
					22,000		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	\$ 16.6	08/13/2007		M	4,000	<sup>(1)</sup> 12/09/2014	Common Stock	4,000
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 19.525	08/13/2007		M	1,000	<sup>(1)</sup> 12/08/2015	Common Stock	1,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
PHILLIPS SUSAN M GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY 710 21ST ST., GOVT. HALL, SUITE 206 WASHINGTON, DC 20052	X			

## Signatures

/s/ Susan M. Phillips, by Bruce M. Gack,  
Attorney-in-Fact

08/15/2007

\_\_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) 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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