PERRY M MARNETTE
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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility

Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*

Perry, M. Marnette

(Last) (First) (Middle)

1014 Vine Street

(Street)

Cincinnati, OH 45202

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Date of Event

Requiring Statement
Month/Day/Year

03/02/2003

3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary)

4. Issuer Mardoxer or Trading Symbol

The Kroger Co.

KR

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)

_ Director

_ 10% Owner

XOfficer (give title below)

_ Other (specify below)

Description

Group Vice President

6. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)

7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting PersonForm filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security

(Instr. 4)	
2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned	
(Instr.4)	
3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	
(Instr. 5)	
4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership	
(Instr. 5)	
Common Stock	
53,208.6713 (1)	
D	

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

^{1.} Title of Derivative Security

⁽Instr. 4)
2. Date Exercisable(DE) and Expiration Date(ED) (Month/Day/Year)

DE / ED

3. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 4)

\$14.5938 D

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Title
                                                             Amount or Number of Shares
4. Conver-
  sion or
  Exercise
  Price of
  Deri-
  vative
  Security
5. Owner-
ship
Form of
Deriv-
ative
Security:
Direct (D)
Indirect (I)
(Instr.5) 6. Nature of
   Indirect
   Beneficial
   Ownership
   (Instr.5) Non-Qualified Stock Option
(2) / 05/18/2004
Common Stock / 16,000
$5.8450
Non-Qualified Stock Option
(2) / 04/19/2005
Common Stock / 16,000
$6.3750
Non-Qualified Stock Option
(2) / 04/17/2006
Common Stock / 16,000
$10.3750
D
Non-Qualified Stock Option
(3) / 05/14/2007
Common Stock / 6,000
$13.4375
Non-Qualified Performance Stock Option
(4) / 05/14/2007
Common Stock / 6,000
$13.4375
Non-Qualified Stock Option
(3) / 09/10/2007
Common Stock / 16,000
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Non-Qualified Stock Option (3) / 04/15/2008 Common Stock / 18,000 \$22.2344 **Non-Qualified Performance Stock Option** (4) / 04/15/2008 Common Stock / 18,000 \$22.2344 **Non-Qualified Stock Option** (3) / 05/26/2009 Common Stock / 18,000 \$27.1719 D **Non-Qualified Performance Stock Option** (5) / 05/26/2009 Common Stock / 18,000 \$27.1719 **Non-Qualified Stock Option** (3) / 02/10/2010 Common Stock / 10,000 \$16.5938 Non-Qualified Performance Stock Option (6) / 02/10/2010 Common Stock / 10,000 \$16.5938 **Non-Qualified Stock Option** (3) / 05/09/2011 Common Stock / 10,000 \$24.4300 Non-Qualified Performance Stock Option (7) / 05/09/2011 Common Stock / 10,000 \$24.4300 **Non-Qualified Stock Option** (3) / 05/09/2012 Common Stock / 20,000 \$22.9950 **Non-Qualified Performance Stock Option** (8) / 05/09/2012 Common Stock / 10,000 \$22.9950 **Non-Qualified Stock Option** (3) / 12/12/2012 Common Stock / 60,000

Explanation of Responses:

\$14.9250

- (1) This amount includes an aggregate of 30,844 shares of restricted stock. The restrictions on 1,250 shares lapse on 12/05/2003. The restrictions on 1,250 shares lapse on 12/07/2004. The restrictions on 10,000 shares lapse on 12/07/2005. The restrictions on 18,344 shares lapse on 12/12/2005.
- (2) These options were granted under various option plans of The Kroger Co. and vest in equal annual installments in whole share amounts over a three-year period, at the rate of one-third per year commencing one year after the date of grant, with the remainder vesting three years from the date of grant.

- (3) These options were granted under various option plans 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 grant.
- (4) 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 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.
- (5) 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.
- (6) 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.
- (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% 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.
- (8) 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.
- The total amount of securities directly owned by the reporting person includes shares in the Company's employee benefit plans which are deemed to be "tax-conditioned plans" pursuant to Rule 16b-3, to the extent disclosed on reports received from plan trustees.

By: Date: /s/ 03/11/2003 M. Marnette Perry ** Signature of Reporting Person

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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

^{*} If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(b)(v).

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