

KROGER CO  
Form 8-K  
November 20, 2006

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**Date of Report: November 15, 2006  
(Date of earliest event reported)**

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**THE KROGER CO.**

**(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

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**An Ohio Corporation  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)**

**No. 1-303  
(Commission File Number)**

**31-0345740  
(IRS Employer  
Number)**

**1014 Vine Street  
Cincinnati, OH 45201  
(Address of principal executive offices)**

**Registrant's telephone number: (513) 762-4000**

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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Section 1 Registrant's Business and Operations**

**Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.**

Credit Facility

On November 15, 2006, The Kroger Co. executed a Five-Year Credit Agreement among the Company, the Initial Lenders named therein, JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as Administrative Agent and as Paying Agent, Citibank, N.A., as Administrative Agent, and Bank of America, N.A., The Royal Bank of Scotland plc, Union Bank of

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California, N.A., and The Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi, UFJ, Ltd., Chicago Branch, as Co-Syndication Agents. The Kroger Co. entered into this Agreement to replace its existing credit facilities and consolidate them into one five-year facility, and to make improvements to its pricing grid as well as other favorable modifications. A copy of the Five-Year Credit Agreement is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

**Section 9 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

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| (d)  | Exhibits:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereto duly authorized.

THE KROGER CO.

November 20, 2006

By:

/s/ Paul Heldman

Paul Heldman  
Executive Vice President, Secretary  
and General Counsel

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EXHIBIT INDEX

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