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Dr. Talina R. Mathews  
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RE: Case No. 2016-00371

Dear Dr. Mathews:

This letter constitutes the Read1st file required by 807 KAR 5:001, Section 8(5):

(a) General Description of the Filing – The Kroger Co. (“Kroger”) is electronically filing herewith:

- (i) Read1st file required by 807 KAR 5:001, Section 8(5); and
- (ii) Prefiled Direct Testimony of Neal Townsend on Behalf of The Kroger Co.

(b) Materials Not Included In The Electronic Filing – Kroger is filing in paper format only:

(i) The paper medium copy of the electronic mail message required to be filed by 807 KAR 5:001, Section 8(5)(a);

(c) Attestation – The electronically-filed documents are a true representation of the original documents.

(d) Service – Kroger served by electronic transmission a copy of this Read1st file on all parties to this proceeding. The Commission’s electronic filing system will provide notice of this filing.

(e) Other Matters – The original and six copies of the Prefiled Direct Testimony of Neal Townsend on Behalf of The Kroger Co. in paper medium are being filed with the Commission.

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Sincerely,



Robert C. Moore

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