

**Table 5. Reconciliation of Total Debt to Net Total Debt**  
(in millions)

Net total debt should not be considered an alternative to any GAAP measure of performance or liquidity. Management believes net total debt is an important measure of liquidity. Net total debt should be reviewed in conjunction with Kroger's financial results reported in accordance with GAAP.

The following table provides a reconciliation of total debt to net total debt and compares the balance in the second quarter of 2005 to the balances in the second quarter of 2004 and the fourth quarter of 1999.

|                                | August 13,<br>2005 | August 14,<br>2004 | Change     | January 29,<br>2000 | Change       |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------|---------------------|--------------|
| Total debt                     | \$ 7,221.4         | \$ 7,554.9         | \$ (333.5) | \$ 9,014.0          | \$ (1,792.6) |
| Temporary cash investments     | (250.0)            | -                  | (250.0)    | -                   | (250.0)      |
| Investments in debt securities | -                  | -                  | -          | (68.8)              | 68.8         |
| Prepaid employee benefits      | -                  | -                  | -          | (200.0)             | 200.0        |
| Net total debt                 | \$ 6,971.4         | \$ 7,554.9         | \$ (583.5) | \$ 8,745.2          | \$ (1,773.8) |