FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* LAWRENCE CHARLES BERDON						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol KIRBY CORP [KEX]										p of Reportin plicable) ctor	g Perso	on(s) to Is	
(Last) (First) (Middle) 55 WAUGH DRIVE SUITE 1000					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/23/2003								X Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) Chairman of the Board						
(Street) HOUSTO	HOUSTON TX 77007					4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)							6. Indiv Line) X	,					
		Ta	ble I - N	on-Deriv	/ative	Sec	uritie	s Ac	quirec	d, Dis	sposed o	f, or E	Benefi	cially	Own	ed			
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transacti Date (Month/Day)				ction	ion 2A. Deemed Execution Date,		d Date,	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) of Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4			or 5. Ar and 5) Secu Bene		ount of ities icially d Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership	
									Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	•	Trans	action(s) 3 and 4)			(Instr. 4)
Common Stock, par value \$.10 per share 12/23/20					2003	003 12/23/2003		S		6,700	D	\$33	3.4822 2,		557,265		D		
Common Stock, par value \$.10 per share 12/23/3				2003	003 12/23/2003		003	S		4,400	D	\$33	\$33.4822		733,182		Ι	Trusts ⁽¹⁾	
Common Stock, par value \$.10 per share															2,153		I	401(k) Plan	
			Table II								osed of, convertib				vned				,
Derivative Security (Instr. 3) Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security Date (Month/Day/Year) (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)			4. Transa Code (8)			rative rities iired r osed) : 3, 4	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) Date Expiration Exercisable Date			7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4) Amour or Numbe of Title Shares		ount nber		tive derivative ity Securities		vnership rm: ect (D) Indirect (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		

Explanation of Responses:

1. These shares are owned by four trusts. Mr. Lawrence is not a beneficiary under any of the trusts, but under the terms of the instruments pursuant to which all four trusts were created, Mr. Lawrence does have the right to reacquire the property constituting the principal of the trusts, including, but not limited to, the shares owned by the trusts by substituting property of equal value therefor.

Remarks:

<u>G. Stephen Holcomb, Agent</u> and Attorney-in-Fact

12/23/2003

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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 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).

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