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*  PETERKIN GEORGE A JR						2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol KIRBY CORP [ KEX ]									all applicable) Director		g Person(s) to Issuer 10% Owner		
(Last) 5005 WC	(Fi	rst) (	Middle)			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 09/15/2009									Offic belo	er (give title w)		her (specify low)	
(Street) HOUSTO	ON TY		77056 Zip)		4. If	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								6. Indiv Line) X	Forr Forr	al or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable orm filed by One Reporting Person orm filed by More than One Reporting erson			
		Tabl	e I - N	on-Deriv	ative	Sec	uritie	s Ac	quirec	l, Di	sposed o	f, or E	Benefic	ially	Own	ed			
Date				2. Transac Date (Month/Da		Execution Date,		Date,	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) o Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 a			ind 5) Secu Bene		icially d Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	t of Indirect	
						Code	v	Amount	(A) o	Price		Trans	action(s) 3 and 4)		(1134: 4)				
Common Stock, par value \$.10 per share 09/15/2					2009	009		S		1,500	D	\$38	.5215	2	10,013	D			
Common Stock, par value \$.10 per share															59,040	I	Trusts <sup>(1)</sup>		
Common Stock, par value \$.10 per share															8,000	I	Wife <sup>(2)</sup>		
Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)																			
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year) if any (Month/Day/Year) Cod 8)		Transa Code (				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)  Amount or Number of Title Shares				9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)	Owners Form: Direct ( or Indir (I) (Insti	Beneficial Ownership ect (Instr. 4)			

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. The shares are owned by 11 trusts of which Mr. Peterkin is the trustee and beneficiaries are six of his grandchildren, one grandnephew, two grandnieces and two of the grandchildren of his wife, Nancy G.
- 2. Shares owned beneficially and of record by Mr. Peterkin's wife, Nancy G. Peterkin, of which Mr. Peterkin disclaims any beneficial ownership.

## Remarks:

G. Stephen Holcomb, Agent and Attorney-in-Fact

09/15/2009

\*\* 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).
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