FORM 4

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* PETERKIN GEORGE A JR						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol KIRBY CORP [KEX]									all app Dire	olicable) ctor	109	Person(s) to Issuer 10% Owner	
(Last) (First) (Middle) 5005 WOODWAY					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/04/2012									Offic belo	er (give title w)	Oth belo	er (specify ow)		
SUITE 200 (Street) HOUSTON TX 77056 (City) (State) (Zip)				4. If	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								6. Indiv Line) X	Forn	al or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable orm filed by One Reporting Person orm filed by More than One Reporting erson				
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																			
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Y						Execution Date,			3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)					5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Followin Reported		6. Ownershi Form: Direct (D) or Indiret (I) (Instr. 4)	of Indirect	
									Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price		Trans	action(s) 3 and 4)		(
Common Stock, par value \$.10 per share 12/04/201						2			S		10,000	D	\$56.8	633(1)	1	64,418	D		
Common Stock, par value \$.10 per share															(59,920	I	Trusts ⁽²⁾	
Common Stock, par value \$.10 per share																8,000	I	Wife ⁽³⁾	
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)	Conversion or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) Frice of Price of Derivative Security Execution Date if any (Month/Day/Year) 8			4. Transa Code (8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) Date Expiration Exercisable Date			7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) Amount or Number of Title Shares		Deriv Secu (Inst		9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)	Ownersh Form: Direct (D or Indirec (I) (Instr.	Beneficial Ownership ct (Instr. 4)		

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. The reported price is the weighted average sales price. The sales were at prices ranging from \$56.57 to \$57.05 per share. The reporting person will provide, upon request by the Commission staff, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.
- 2. The shares are owned by 8 trusts of which Mr. Peterkin is the trustee and beneficiaries are six of his grandchildren and two of the grandchildren of his wife, Nancy G. Peterkin.
- 3. 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

12/06/2012

** 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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