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## FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*<br><u>PETERKIN GEORGE A JR</u> |         |          | 2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol<br><u>KIRBY CORP</u> [ KEX ] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer<br>(Check all applicable)<br>X Director 10% Owner |                                   |                       |  |  |
|---|---------|----------|---|--|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|--|--|
| (Last)<br>5005 WOODWA   | (First) | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)<br>11/02/2010                  | Λ  | Officer (give title<br>below)     | Other (specify below) |  |  |
| SUITE 200   |         |          | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)                        | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  |                                   |                       |  |  |
| (Street)  |         |          |   | X  | Form filed by One Repor           | ting Person           |  |  |
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### Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

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|---|--|---|------|---|--------|---|---|---|---|-----------------------|
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)         | 2. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) |      | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or<br>Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and<br>5) |        | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned Following | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |   |                       |
|   |  |   | Code | v   | Amount | (A) or<br>(D)   | Price   | Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4)                    |   | (1150.4)              |
| Common Stock, par value \$.10 per share | 11/02/2010                                 |   | G    | v   | 3,600  | D   | \$ <mark>0</mark>   | 196,788   | D |                       |
| Common Stock, par value \$.10 per share | 11/02/2010                                 |   | G    | v   | 4,800  | D   | \$ <mark>0</mark>   | 191,988   | D |                       |
| Common Stock, par value \$.10 per share | 11/02/2010                                 |   | G    | v   | 4,800  | A   | \$ <mark>0</mark>   | 63,040  | Ι | 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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if any<br>ice of<br>privative (Month/Day/Ye |       | 4.<br>Transaction<br>Code (Instr.<br>8) |   | 5. Number<br>of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed<br>of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4<br>and 5) |     | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |                    | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Securities<br>Underlying<br>Derivative<br>Security (Instr. 3<br>and 4) |  | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Number of<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 4) | 10.<br>Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|   |   |   |       | Code                                    | v | (A)   | (D) | Date<br>Exercisable  | Expiration<br>Date | Title   | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |   |  |  |  |

Explanation of Responses:

1. 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.

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

12/02/2010

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

 $\ast$  If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

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