#### 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 and Ticker or Trading Symbol KIRBY CORP [ KEX ]									all app Dired	olicable) ctor	g Person(s) to	ssuer Owner
(Last) (First) (Middle) 5005 WOODWAY SUITE 200				12/	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/11/2012									belo		below	,	
(Street) HOUSTON TX 77056  (City) (State) (Zip)				-   4. If - -	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								6. Indiv Line) X	Forn Forn	dual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
		Tabl	e I - I	Non-Deriv	/ative	Sec	uritie	s Ac	quire	ed, D	isposed o	f, or E	Benefic	ially	Owne	ed		
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Y						Execution Date,		ate,	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 ar			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Follo		ities ficially d Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
									Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	) or ) Price		Trans	action(s) 3 and 4)		(111511.4)
Common Stock, par value \$.10 per share 12/11/201					012	2			S	П	3,119	D	\$57.7	957(1)	1	49,418	D	
Common Stock, par value \$.10 per share															(	59,920	I	Trusts <sup>(2)</sup>
Common Stock, par value \$.10 per share																8,000	I	Wife <sup>(3)</sup>
		Та	ble I								posed of, convertib				vned			
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	e Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) 8		4. Transa Code ( 8)	(Instr.	5. Nu of Deriv Secu Acqu (A) or Dispo of (D) (Instrand 5	rities ired 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)  Amount of Or Number of Title Shares		Deri Secu (Inst		9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction( (Instr. 4)	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. The reported price is the weighted average sales price. The sales were at prices ranging from \$57.65 to \$57.95 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

12/13/2012

\*\* 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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