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* <u>LAWRENCE CHARLES BERDON</u> | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol KIRBY CORP [KEX] | | | | | | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) X Director X 10% Owner | | | | | | |
|---|--|----------|----------------|--|---|--|--------|--|--|-------|---|--------------------|---|---|--|--|-----------------------|----------------|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) 55 WAUGH DRIVE SUITE 1000 | | | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 07/06/2004 | | | | | | | | X | X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) Chairman of the Board | | | | | |
| (Street) HOUST(| | | 77007 (Zip) | | 4. If | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Yea | | | | | | | | 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 | | | |
| | | Tab | le I - N | on-Deriv | ative | Sec | uritie | s Ac | quire | d, Di | sposed o | f, or E | enefic | ially | Owne | ed | | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transac Date (Month/Da | | | | Execution Date, | | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | 4. Securities Acquired (A) o Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 a | | | and 5) Securities Beneficial Owned Fo | | ities icially d Following | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | of Indirect t Beneficial Ownership | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | Code | v | Amount | (A) or (D) Pric | | | Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | (Instr. 4) | |
| Common Stock, par value \$.10 per share 07/06/20 | | | | 2004 | 004 07/06/2004 | | | S | | 3,500 | D | \$39. | .6894 | 1,9 | 974,245 | D | | | |
| Common Stock, par value \$.10 per share 07/07/20 | | | | 2004 | 004 07/07/2004 | | S | | 46,700 | D | \$39. | 1393 | 1,9 | 927,545 | D | | | | |
| Common Stock, par value \$.10 per share | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 5 | 06,302 | I | Trusts ⁽¹⁾ | | |
| Common Stock, par value \$.10 per share | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 2,874 | | I | 401(k) Plan | |
| | | Ta | able II · | | | | | | | | osed of, convertib | | | | vned | | | | |
| 1. Title of Derivative Security 1. Title of Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security 2. Conversion Date (Month/Day/Year) 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) 4. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) 5. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) 6. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) 7. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | | on Date, | | nsaction de (Instr. 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. and 4) Amount of Numbe of Title Shares | | nt er | | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4) | Ownersh Form: Direct (D or Indirec (I) (Instr. | Beneficial Ownership t (Instr. 4) | | | | |

Explanation of Responses:

Remarks:

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

07/08/2004

** 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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^{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.