

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934,  
Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act  
of 1935 or Section 30(f) of the Investment  
Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person      2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Yr)      3. IRS or Soc.Sec.No. of Reporting Person (Voluntary)

Johnson Walter E.      07/17/01

(Last) (First) (Middle)

4400 Post Oak Parkway, 4th Floor  
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(Street)

4. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Houston Texas 77027  
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(City) (State) (ZIP)

Kirby Corporation (KEX)  
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5. Relationship of Reporting Person to Issuer (Check all applicable)

X Director      10% Owner  
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Officer      Other  
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(give title below) (specify below)

6. If Amendment, Date of Original  
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(Month/Day/Year)

7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)

X  
--- Form filed by one Reporting Person  
  
--- Form filed by more than one Reporting Person\*

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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned  
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1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.  
(Print or Type Responses)

\* If the Form is filed by more than one Reporting Person, see Instruction 5(b) (v)  
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