

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * <u>NOLEN NORMAN W</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) 55 WAUGH DRIVE SUITE 1000  (Street) HOUSTON, TX X1 77007  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>KIRBY CORP [ KEX ]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>Executive Vice President</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>11/03/2009</u>	
		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock, par value \$.10 per share	11/03/2009		M		5,534	A	\$22.045	58,010	D	
Common Stock, par value \$.10 per share	11/03/2009		S		5,534	D	\$32.8128 <sup>(1)</sup>	52,476	D	
Common Stock, par value \$.10 per share	11/03/2009		S		11,068	D	\$33.0335	41,408	D	
Common Stock, par value \$.10 per share	11/04/2009		M		11,068	A	\$27.6025	52,476	D	
Common Stock, par value \$.10 per share								2,551	I	401(k) Stock

**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)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 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)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						Title
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$22.045	11/03/2009		M			5,534	03/02/2008	03/02/2010	Common Stock	5,534	\$22.045	49,081	D	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$27.6025	11/03/2009		M			11,068	02/15/2009	02/15/2011	Common Stock	11,068	\$27.6025	38,013	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

1. The reported price is the weighted average purchase price. The purchases were made at prices ranging from \$32.8051 to \$32.8229 per share. The reporting person will provide, upon the request by the Commission staff, the issuer or a stockholder of the issuer, full information regarding the number of shares purchased at each separate price.

**Remarks:**

G. Stephen Holcomb, Agent and Attorney-in-Fact 11/05/2009

\*\* 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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