

PETERKIN GEORGE A JR
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 PETERKIN GEORGE A JR

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 KIRBY CORP [KEX]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 5005 WOODWAY, SUITE 200
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 12/29/2004

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

HOUSTON, TX 77056

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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) | |
|---|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|-----------------------|
| Common Stock, par value \$.10 per share | 12/29/2004 | | S | 1,000 D | \$ 44,929 | 42,605 | I | Trusts ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common Stock, par value \$.10 per share | | | | | | 170,677 | D | |
| Common Stock, par value \$.10 per share | | | | | | 4,000 | I | Wife ⁽²⁾ |

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

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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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 3 and 4) |
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Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| PETERKIN GEORGE A JR 5005 WOODWAY SUITE 200 HOUSTON, TX 77056 | X | | | |

Signatures

G. Stephen Holcomb, Agent and Attorney-in-Fact

 **Signature of Reporting Person

01/12/2005

 Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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).
- (1) The shares are owned by 14 trusts of which Mr. Peterkin is the trustee and beneficiaries are seven of his grandchildren, one grandnephew, two grandnieces 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.

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