

HOLCOMB G STEPHEN
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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 *
HOLCOMB G STEPHEN

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)
55 WAUGH DRIVE, SUITE 1000

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
12/06/2012

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Vice Pres-Investor Relations

HOUSTON, TX 77007

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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) |
|---|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (D) | Price |
| Common Stock, par value \$.10 per share | 12/06/2012 | | M | | 5,600 | A | \$ 48.65 |
| Common Stock, par value \$.10 per share | 12/06/2012 | | S | | 5,600 | D | \$ 57.1981 (1) |
| Common Stock, par value \$.10 per share | | | | | | | 6,557 |
| | | | | | | I | 401(k) Stock |

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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) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 48.65 | 12/06/2012 | | M | 5,600 | 02/01/2011 02/01/2013 | Common Stock | 5,600 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| HOLCOMB G STEPHEN 55 WAUGH DRIVE SUITE 1000 HOUSTON, TX 77007 | | | Vice Pres-Investor Relations | |

Signatures

G. Stephen
Holcomb

12/10/2012

**Signature of Reporting Person

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 reported price is the weighted average sales price. The sales were at prices ranging from \$57.11 to \$57.41 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.

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