

PETERKIN GEORGE A JR  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN 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(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

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

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

HOUSTON, TX 77056

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
04/24/2012

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**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 | 04/24/2012                           |  | A <sup>(1)</sup>               | 1,000 A \$ 0  | 210,798   | D  |   |
| Common Stock, par value \$.10 per share |                                      |  |                                |   | 66,560  | I  | Trusts <sup>(2)</sup>                                 |
| Common Stock, par value \$.10 per share |                                      |  |                                |   | 8,000   | I  | Wife <sup>(3)</sup>                                   |

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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 |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Director Stock Option (Right to Buy)       | \$ 62.48   | 04/24/2012                           |  | A                              | 6,000   | 10/24/2012 04/24/2022                                    | Common Stock  | 6,000                      |
| Director Stock Option (Right to Buy)       | \$ 62.48   | 04/24/2012                           |  | A                              | 1,153   | 03/31/2013 <sup>(4)</sup> 04/24/2022                     | Common Stock  | 1,153                      |

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

G. Stephen Holcomb, Agent and Attorney-in-Fact  
04/30/2012

\_\_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) Restricted Stock granted under the 2000 Nonemployee Director Stock Option Plan for Kirby Corporation.
- (2) The shares are owned by 8 trusts of which Mr. Peterkin is the trustee and beneficiaries are six of his grandchildren and two of the grandchildren of his wife, Nancy G. Peterkin.
- (3) Shares owned beneficially and of record by Mr. Peterkin's wife, Nancy G. Peterkin, of which Mr. Peterkin disclaims any beneficial ownership.
- (4) Option is exercisable 25% after the quarter ending 6/30/2012, 50% after 9/30/2012, 75% after 12/31/2012 and 100% at 3/31/2013.

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