

HOLCOMB G STEPHEN  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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**

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**55 WAUGH DRIVE, SUITE 1000**  
  
(Street)

**HOUSTON, TX 77007**

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
**01/23/2009**

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)  
Vice Pres-Investor Relations

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_\_ 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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount (A) or (D) Price		
Common Stock, par value \$.10 per share	01/23/2009		M		7,000 A \$ 16.9625	20,266	D
Common Stock, par value \$.10 per share	01/26/2009		F		299 D \$ 24.695	19,967	D
Common Stock, par value \$.10 per share	01/26/2009		A <sup>(1)</sup>		1,200 A \$ 0	21,167	D

Common Stock, par value \$.10 per share 5,637 <sup>(2)</sup> I 401(k) Stock

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)		
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
						Code	V (A) (D)		
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 16.9625	01/23/2009		M	7,000	01/26/2007 01/26/2009	Common Stock	7,000	

## 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 01/27/2009

\*\*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 awarded under the 2005 Stock and Incentive Plan for Kirby Corporation.
- (2) Acquired 62 shares during 2008 pursuant to the Kirby Corporation 401(k) Plan. The information reported herein is based on a plan statement dated December 31, 2008.

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