

NOLEN NORMAN W
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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 *
 NOLEN NORMAN W

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

HOUSTON, TX, X1 77007

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 02/01/2006

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)
 Executive Vice President

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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock, par value \$.10 per share	02/01/2006		M		5,544	A	\$ 25.55 75,807
Common Stock, par value \$.10 per share	02/01/2006		M		5,543	A	\$ 33.925 81,350
Common Stock, par value \$.10 per share	02/01/2006		S		7,800	D	\$ 55 73,550

Common Stock, par value \$.10 per share 1,195 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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 25.55	02/01/2006		M	5,544	01/27/2006 ⁽¹⁾ 01/27/2008	Common Stock	5,544
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 33.925	02/01/2006		M	5,543	01/26/2006 ⁽¹⁾ 01/26/2009	Common Stock	5,543

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
NOLEN NORMAN W 55 WAUGH DRIVE SUITE 1000 HOUSTON, TX, X1 77007	Director 10% Owner Officer Other Executive Vice President

Signatures

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

02/02/2006

__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) Original option exercisable 33% after one year, 67% after two years and 100% after three years from date of grant.

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