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obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Binion Gregory R. Issuer Symbol KIRBY CORP [KEX] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner Other (specify X_ Officer (give title 55 WAUGH DRIVE, SUITE 1000 01/30/2009 below) President-Kirby Inland Marine (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting HOUSTON, TX, X1 77007 Person

(City)	(State) (Z	Table Table	I - Non-De	erivative Securities Acc	quired, Disposed o	of, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities nAcquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or Amount (D) Price	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			Code V	Amount (b) Thee	36,937	D	
Common Stock, par value \$.10 per share					596	I	401K Plan

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

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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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisab Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year		7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securitio
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amou or Numb of Sha
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 23.98	01/30/2009		A	16,350	01/30/2012(1)	01/30/2014	Common Stock	16,3

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
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Director 10% Owner Officer Other

President-Kirby

Inland Marine

Binion Gregory R.

55 WAUGH DRIVE SUITE 1000 HOUSTON, TX, X1 77007

Signatures

G. Stephen Holcomb, Agent and Attorney
-in-Fact
02/03/2009

**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) Option is exercisable 33% after one year, 67% after two years and 100% after three years from date of grant.

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