BUESE MARK R Form 4

January 26, 2006

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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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

See Instruction 1(b).

Stock, par

value \$.10

per share

(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * BUESE MARK R | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol KIRBY CORP [KEX] | | | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | | |
|--|---|---|--|---------------|---|-------|--------------|---|--|---|
| (Last) | (First) (N | Middle) 3 | 3. Date of | f Earliest Tr | ansaction | | | (Спеск ан аррисаоте) | | |
| | | | (Month/Day/Year) 01/24/2006 | | | | | Director 10% OwnerX Officer (give title Other (specify below) Senior Vice President | | |
| | | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) | | | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person | | |
| HOUSTON | N, TX 77007 | | | | | | | Form filed by M Person | Iore than One Rep | porting |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | Tabl | e I - Non-D |)erivative | Secui | rities Acqu | uired, Disposed of | , or Beneficiall | ly Owned |
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deeme Execution I any (Month/Day | on Date, if Trans Code | | 4. Securities Acquired action(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) 8) (A) or | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| | | | | Code V | Amount | (D) | Price | (Instr. 3 and 4) | | |
| Common Stock, par value \$.10 per share | 01/24/2006 | | | A <u>(1)</u> | 2,250 | A | \$ 0 | 9,758 | D | |
| Common Stock, par value \$.10 per share | 01/24/2006 | | | F | 146 | D | \$ 52.505 | 9,612 | D | |
| Common | | | | | | | | | | |

401(k)

Plan

1,018 (2)

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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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8) | Transaction Derivative Expiration Date Code Securities (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or Disposed of | | | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | |
|---|---|---|---|--|--|------------------|--------------------|---|---------------------------------------|
| | | | | | (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | | | | |
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amoun or Number of Shares |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 52.505 | 01/24/2006 | | A | 2,500 | 01/24/2009(3) | 01/24/2011 | Common Stock | 2,500 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------|-----------|-------|--|--|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | |
| BUESE MARK R | | | Senior | | | |
| 55 WAUGH DRIVE, SUITE 1000 | | | Vice | | | |
| HOUSTON, TX 77007 | | | President | | | |
| Cianaturas | | | | | | |

Signatures

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

01/26/2006

**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) Restricted Stock granted under the 2002 Stock and Incentive Plan for Kirby Corporation.
- (2) Acquired 129 shares during 2005 pursuant to the Kirby Corporation 401(k) Plan, at prices ranging from \$39.40 to \$54.17. The information reported herein is based on a plan statement dated December 31, 2005.
- (3) Option is exercisable 33% after one year, 67% after two years and 100% after three years from date of grant.

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