NOLEN NORMAN W

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * NOLEN NORMAN W			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol KIRBY CORP [KEX]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)		
(Last) (First) (M		(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check an applicable)		
			(Month/Day/Year)	Director 10% Owner		
55 WAUGH DRIVE, SUITE 1000			11/03/2009	_X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) Executive Vice President		
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person		
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(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-	Derivative	Secui	rities Acquir	ed, Disposed of,	or Beneficially	y 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. Securition Dispose (Instr. 3, 4	ed of (A) or		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	11/03/2009		M	5,534	(D)	\$ 22.045	58,010	D	
Common Stock, par value \$.10 per share	11/03/2009		S	5,534	D	\$ 32.8128 (1)	52,476	D	
Common Stock, par value \$.10 per share	11/03/2009		S	11,068	D	\$ 33.0335	41,408	D	

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Common Stock, par value \$.10 per share	M	11,068	A	\$ 27.6025	52,476	D	
Common Stock, par value \$.10 per share					2,551	I	401(k) Stock

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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)	5. Number of orDerivative 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)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 22.045	11/03/2009		M		5,534	03/02/2008	03/02/2010	Common Stock	5,534
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 27.6025	11/03/2009		M		11,068	02/15/2009	02/15/2011	Common Stock	11,068

Reporting Owners

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

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Signatures

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

11/05/2009

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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The reported price is the weighted average purchase price. The purchases were made at prices ranging from \$32.8051 to \$32.8229 per (1) share. The reporting person will provide, upon the request by the Commission staff, the issuer or a stockholder of the issuer, full information regarding the number of shares purchased at each separate price.

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