

VALERIUS STEVEN P
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FORM 4

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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 *
 VALERIUS STEVEN P

(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)
 09/15/2005

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)
 Pres. Kirby Inland Marine, LP

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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	09/15/2005		M		5,334 A \$ 21.5313	8,342	I Wife ⁽¹⁾
Common Stock, par value \$.10 per share	09/15/2005		S		5,334 D \$ 46.6103	3,008	I Wife ⁽¹⁾
Common Stock, par value \$.10 per share						20,317	D

Common Stock, par value \$.10 per share	769	I	401(k) Plan
Common Stock, par value \$.10 per share	720	I	401(k) Plan (wife) ⁽²⁾

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)	\$ 21.5313	09/15/2005		M	5,334	01/15/2004 ⁽³⁾ 01/15/2006	Common Stock	5,334

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
VALERIUS STEVEN P 55 WAUGH DRIVE, SUITE 1000 HOUSTON, TX 77007			Pres. Kirby Inland Marine, LP	

Signatures

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

09/15/2005

__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) Shares owned beneficially and of record by Mr. Valerius' wife. Mr. Valerius disclaims ownership of the shares.
- (2) Shares owned beneficially and of record by Mr. Valerius' wife, through the Kirby Corporation 401(k) Plan. Mr. Valerius disclaims ownership of the shares.
- (3) Original option exercisable 33% after one year, 67% after two years and 100% after three years from date of grant.
- (4) Options owned beneficially and of record by Mr. Valerius' wife. Mr Valerius disclaims ownership of the shares.

Remarks:

An option of Mr. Valerius' was exercised on September 1, 2005 for 5,000 shares and, of the exercise, 5,000 shares were registered.

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