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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * PYNE J H			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol KIRBY CORP [KEX]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		
(Last) (First) (Middle)		(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)		
			(Month/Day/Year)	X Director 10% Owner		
55 WAUGH DRIVE, SUITE 1000			05/04/2005	_X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)		
				President		
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line)		
HOUSTON,	TX 77007			_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tak	ole I - Non-	Derivative :	Securi	ities Acquire	ed, Disposed of, o	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)	Code (Instr. 8)	ansactiorDisposed of (D) ode (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)
Common Stock, par value \$.10 per share	05/04/2005		Code V	Amount 57,886	(D)	Price \$ 40.915		D	
Common Stock, par value \$.10 per share	05/04/2005		M	110,000	A	\$ 21.5313	210,912	D	
Common Stock, par value \$.10 per share							2,429	I	401(k) Plan

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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)	iorDerivative Securities		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amou Underlying Securi (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amo Num Shar
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 21.5313	05/04/2005		M		110,000	01/15/2004(1)	01/15/2006	Common Stock	110

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
PYNE J H 55 WAUGH DRIVE SUITE 1000 HOUSTON, TX 77007	X		President					

Signatures

G. Stephen Holcomb, Agent and

Attorney-in-Fact 05/05/2005

**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) Option of 110,000 shares exercisable 33% after one year, 67% after two years and 100% after three years from date of grant.

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