

PATTERSON UTI ENERGY INC
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
HUFF CURTIS W

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
**PATTERSON UTI ENERGY INC
 [PTEN]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 2800 POST OAK BLVD, SUITE 2000
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 12/16/2016

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

HOUSTON, TX 77056

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

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, \$.01 par value per share	12/16/2016		M		10,000 <u>(1)</u>	A	\$ 21.95
Common Stock, \$.01 par value per share	12/16/2016		F		8,196 <u>(2)</u>	D	\$ 26.78
Common Stock, \$.01 par value	12/16/2016		M		10,000 <u>(1)</u>	A	\$ 11.51
							73,880
							65,684
							75,684

per share

Common
 Stock, \$.01
 par value
 per share

12/16/2016

M

10,000
(1)

A

\$
 15.35

85,684

D

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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 21.95	12/16/2016		M	10,000	01/03/2008 01/02/2017	Common Stock, \$.01 par value per share	10,000	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 11.51	12/16/2016		M	10,000	01/01/2010 12/31/2018	Common Stock, \$.01 par value per share	10,000	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 15.35	12/16/2016		M	10,000	01/01/2011 12/31/2019	Common Stock, \$.01 par value per share	10,000	

Reporting Owners

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

HUFF CURTIS W
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HOUSTON, TX 77056

Signatures

By Barry Huntsman pursuant to a Limited Power of Attorney filed with the SEC on 01/02/2014. /s/Barry Huntsman

12/20/2016

__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) Acquired upon exercise of option.
 - (2) Shares disposed to pay exercise price of option.

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