

PATTERSON UTI ENERGY INC
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**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 *
BERNS KENNETH N

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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
04/26/2016

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

**1801 CENTURY PARK
 EAST, SUITE 1111**

(Street)

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

LOS ANGELES, CA 90067

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)			
			Code	V	Amount (D) or Price					
Common Stock, \$.01 par value per share	04/26/2016		A		48,300 (1)	A	\$ 0	397,722	D	
Common Stock, \$.01 par value per share							140,000	I		By Trust(s) (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)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 18.54	04/26/2016		A	189,100	⁽³⁾ 04/25/2026	Common Stock, \$0.01 par value per share 189,100

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BERNS KENNETH N 1801 CENTURY PARK EAST SUITE 1111 LOS ANGELES, CA 90067	X		Senior Vice President	

Signatures

By Barry Huntsman pursuant to a Limited Power of Attorney filed with the SEC on 3/29/2013 /s/ Barry Huntsman

04/27/2016

__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) One-third of the shares vests on April 26, 2017 and the remainder vests in equal monthly installments over the twenty-four months following April 26, 2017.

(2) Held by trust(s) for which the reporting person is the trustee.

(3) One-third of the options vests on April 26, 2017 and the remainder vests in equal monthly installments over the twenty-four months following April 26, 2017.

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