

PATTERSON UTI ENERGY INC
 Form 4
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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)
 1801 CENTURY PARK
 EAST, SUITE 1111
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 04/25/2014

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

LOS ANGELES, CA 90067

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) |
|---|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| Common Stock, \$.01 par value per share | 04/25/2014 | | M | 60,000 ⁽¹⁾ | A \$ 19.14 | 401,283 | D |
| Common Stock, \$.01 par value per share | 04/25/2014 | | F | 48,353 ⁽²⁾ | D \$ 32.22 | 352,930 | D |
| Common Stock, \$.01 par value | 04/26/2014 | | F | 689 ⁽³⁾ | D \$ 32.22 | 352,241 | D |

per share

Common
Stock, \$.01
par value
per share

140,000 I

By
Trust(s) (4)

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) | | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--------|----------------------------|
| | | | | | | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| | | | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | | |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 19.14 | 04/25/2014 | | M | 60,000 | 04/28/2007 04/27/2014 | Common Stock, \$.01 par value per share | 60,000 | |

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

04/29/2014

____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 that would have expired April 27, 2014. Net exercise effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 Sales Plan that provides for an automatic net exercise on the regular market trading date immediately preceding the expiration date for the option.
- (2) Shares disposed to pay exercise price and applicable withholding taxes related to option exercised on April 25, 2014.
- (3) Shares disposed to pay applicable withholding taxes on restricted stock vested on 04/26/2014.
- (4) Held by trust(s) for which the reporting person is the trustee.

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