

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 *
 BERN S KENNETH N

(Last) (First) (Middle)

1801 CENTURY PARK
 EAST, SUITE 1111

(Street)

LOS ANGELES, CA 90067

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 04/25/2008

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)
 Senior Vice President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Stock, \$.01 par value per share	04/25/2008		A		47,500 ⁽¹⁾	A	\$ 0 147,500 D
Common Stock, \$.01 par value per share	04/27/2008		F ⁽²⁾		3,432	D	\$ 29.31 144,068 D
Common Stock, \$.01 par value	04/28/2008		F ⁽³⁾		5,568	D	\$ 29.31 138,500 D

per share

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)	\$ 29.31	04/25/2008		A	119,000	(4) 04/24/2018	Common Stock, \$0.01 par value per share 119,000

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

/s/Kenneth N. Berns 04/29/2008

**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 vest on April 25, 2009 and the remainder vests in equal monthly installments over the twenty-four months following April 25, 2009.
- (2) Mr. Berns surrendered 3,432 shares of stock to the Issuer to satisfy payroll tax withholding obligations that arose from the vesting of 7,500 shares of restricted stock on April 27, 2008.

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- (3) Mr. Berns surrendered 5,568 shares of stock to the Issuer to satisfy payroll tax withholding obligations that arose from the vesting of 12,500 shares of restricted stock on April 28, 2008.
- (4) One-third of the options vest on April 25, 2009 and the remainder vests in equal monthly installments over the twenty-four months following April 25, 2009.

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