

Hendricks William Andrew JR
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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 *
 Hendricks William Andrew JR

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)
 450 GEARS ROAD, SUITE 500
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 04/02/2012

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Chief Operating Officer

HOUSTON, TX 77067
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

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 | (A) or (D) | Price |
| Common Stock, \$.01 par value per share | 04/02/2012 | | A | | 100,000 (1) | A | \$ 0 100,000 |

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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 17.27 | 04/02/2012 | | A | 100,000 | 04/24/2013 ⁽²⁾ 04/01/2022 | Common Stock, \$0.01 par value per share |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Hendricks William Andrew JR 450 GEARS ROAD, SUITE 500 HOUSTON, TX 77067 | | | Chief Operating Officer | |

Signatures

By Gregory W. Pipkin pursuant to a limited power of attorney filed with the SEC on 4/4/2012./s/Gregory W. Pipkin 04/04/2012
__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) Represents an award of restricted shares. Of the total 100,000 shares granted, 33,333 shares vest on April 24, 2013, 33,333 shares vest on April 24, 2014 and 33,334 shares vest on April 24, 2015.
- Mr. Hendricks will become vested in options to purchase 33,333 shares on April 24, 2013, will become vested in options to purchase
- (2) 2,778 shares monthly thereafter beginning on May 24, 2013 through March 24, 2015 and will become vested in options to purchase 2,773 shares on April 24, 2015.

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