

Thom Tiffany J
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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 *
 Thom Tiffany J

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)
 10713 WEST SAM HOUSTON
 PARKWAY NORTH,, SUITE 800
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 01/01/2018

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

HOUSTON, TX 77064

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(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) |
|---|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| | | | | Code | V | Amount | |
| Common Stock, \$.01 par value per share | | | | | | 15,500 | D |
| Common Stock, \$.01 par value per share | 01/02/2018 | | S | | 2,574 (1) | D | \$ 23.08 12,926 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 (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) | 8. Price or Value of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|--|--|---|---|
| Restricted Stock Units | \$ 0 ⁽²⁾ | 01/01/2018 | | A | 7,605 | ⁽³⁾ / ⁽³⁾ | Common Stock, \$0.01 par value per share | 7,605 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Thom Tiffany J 10713 WEST SAM HOUSTON PARKWAY NORTH, SUITE 800 HOUSTON, TX 77064 | X | | | |

Signatures

By Barry Huntsman pursuant to a Limited Power of Attorney filed with the SEC on 08/11/2014. /s/ Barry Huntsman

01/03/2018

__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).

Shares sold pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 Sales Plan whereby the reporting person committed to sell the shares on or about January 1, 2018

- (1) for the purpose of funding the reporting person's estimated cash tax liability in connection with the vesting of restricted stock on such date.
- (2) Restricted stock units convert into common stock on a one-for-one basis.

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(3) One hundred percent (100%) of the restricted stock units vests on January 1, 2019.

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