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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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SECURITIES Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,

may continue. See Instruction

Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

per share

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Conlon Michael W Issuer Symbol PATTERSON UTI ENERGY INC (Check all applicable) [PTEN] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction _X__ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) 450 GEARS ROAD, SUITE 500 01/01/2013 (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting HOUSTON, TX 77067 Person

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Beneficial Code Disposed of (D) Beneficially (D) or (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Ownership (Instr. 8) Owned Indirect (I) Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price Common Stock, \$.01 3,000 01/01/2013 A \$0 9,000 D (1) par value

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)

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year			7. Title and Amount o Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Share	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 18.63	01/01/2013		A	10,000	01/01/2014(2)	12/31/2022	Common Stock, \$.01 par value per share	10,000	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
F •- · g • ·· ···	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Conlon Michael W 450 GEARS ROAD, SUITE 500 HOUSTON, TX 77067	X					

Signatures

By Seth D. Wexler pursuant to a Limited Power of Attorney filed with the SEC on 09/21/2012 /s/Seth D. Wexler

01/03/2013

**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 hundred percent (100%) of the shares vest on January 1, 2014.
- (2) One hundred percent (100%) of the option vests on January 1, 2014.

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