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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

Stock, \$.01

par value per share

04/28/2009

(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 Moll William Leo Jr Issuer Symbol PATTERSON UTI ENERGY INC (Check all applicable) [PTEN] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) 450 GEARS ROAD, SUITE 500 04/28/2009 GENERAL COUNSEL AND SECRETARY (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) Code Disposed of (D) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Indirect (I) Ownership (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price Common

5,000

Α

\$0

26,823

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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative 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)	\$ 13.17	04/28/2009		A	10,000	(2)	04/27/2019	Common Stock, \$.01 par value per share	10,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Moll William Leo Jr 450 GEARS ROAD, SUITE 500 HOUSTON, TX 77067

GENERAL COUNSEL AND SECRETARY

Signatures

By Gregory W. Pipkin pursuant to a Limited Power of Attorney filed with the SEC on 6/6/2008. /s/Gregory W. Pipkin

04/30/2009

**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 28, 2010 and the remainder vests in equal monthly installments over the twenty-four months following April 28, 2010.
- One-third of the options vest on April 28, 2010 and the remainder vests in equal monthly installments over the twenty-four months following April 28, 2010.

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