

PATTERSON UTI ENERGY INC

Form 4

August 03, 2006

**FORM 4****UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
BERNS KENNETH N

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)

1801 CENTURY PARK  
EAST, SUITE 1111

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
08/01/2006

☐ Director ☐ 10% Owner  
☒ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify below)  
Senior Vice President

LOS ANGELES, CA 90067

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
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☐ Form filed by More than One Reporting  
Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)            | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3.<br>Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired<br>(A) or Disposed of<br>(D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or<br>Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|--------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                  |                                         |                                                             | Code                                    | V                                                                          | Amount                                                                                                             | (A)<br>or<br>(D)                                                     | Price                                                             |
| Common<br>Stock, \$.01<br>par value<br>per share | 08/01/2006                              |                                                             | A                                       |                                                                            | 15,000                                                                                                             | A                                                                    | \$ 0 75,000                                                       |
|                                                  |                                         |                                                             |                                         |                                                                            |                                                                                                                    | D                                                                    |                                                                   |

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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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired (A) or<br>Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4, and<br>5) | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of<br>Underlying Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |                     |                    |                                                     |                                  |
|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
|                                                     |                                                                    |                                         |                                                             | Code                                 | V                                                                                                         | (A)                                                            | (D)                                                                 | Date<br>Exercisable | Expiration<br>Date | Title                                               | Amount or<br>Number of<br>Shares |
| Stock<br>Option<br>(Right to<br>Buy)                | \$ 28.16                                                           | 08/01/2006                              |                                                             | A                                    |                                                                                                           | 125,000                                                        |                                                                     | <u>(1)</u>          | 07/31/2016         | Common<br>Stock,<br>\$.01 par<br>value per<br>share | 125,000                          |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                                   | Relationships |           |                             |       |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-------|
|                                                                                  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                     | Other |
| BERNS KENNETH N<br>1801 CENTURY PARK EAST<br>SUITE 1111<br>LOS ANGELES, CA 90067 | X             |           | Senior<br>Vice<br>President |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Kenneth N.  
Berns  
08/03/2006  
Date

\*\*Signature of  
Reporting Person

## 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 options vest on August 1, 2007 and the remainder vests in equal monthly installments over the twenty-four months following August 1, 2007.

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