

VOLLMER JOHN E III
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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 *
VOLLMER JOHN E III

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
**PATTERSON UTI ENERGY INC
 [PTEN]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)
 _____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Chief Financial Officer

(Last) (First) (Middle)
5956 SHERRY LANE, SUITE 1200
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
04/22/2013

DALLAS, TX 75225

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 _____ 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 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	04/22/2013		A		65,000 (1)	A	\$ 22.88 418,753 D
Common Stock, \$.01 par value per share	04/22/2013		F		26,253 (2)	D	\$ 22.88 392,500 D
Common Stock, \$.01 par value per share	04/22/2013		A		57,500 (3)	A	\$ 0 450,000 D

Common Stock, \$.01 par value per share 200,000 I By Trust(s) ⁽⁴⁾

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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 22.88	04/22/2013		A	115,000	⁽⁵⁾ 04/21/2023	Common Stock, \$.01 par value per share	115,000	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
VOLLMER JOHN E III 5956 SHERRY LANE SUITE 1200 DALLAS, TX 75225			Chief Financial Officer	

Signatures

By Barry Huntsman pursuant to a Limited Power of Attorney filed with the SEC on 3/29/2013 /s/ Barry Huntsman 04/24/2013

^{**}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) Shares received in settlement of the 2010 Performance Unit grant.

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- (2) Shares disposed to pay applicable withholding taxes on shares received from 2010 Performance Unit grant.
- (3) One-third of the shares vest on April 22, 2014 and the remainder vests in equal monthly installments over the twenty-four months following April 22, 2014.
- (4) Held by trust(s) for which the reporting person is a trustee.
- (5) One-third of the options vest on April 22, 2014 and the remainder vests in equal monthly installments over the twenty-four months following April 22, 2014.

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