

WALL DOUGLAS JAMES

Form 4

April 29, 2010

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

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
WALL DOUGLAS JAMES

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)
450 GEARS ROAD, SUITE 500
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
04/27/2010

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
____X____ Officer (give title ____ Other (specify
below) below)
Chief Executive Officer

HOUSTON, TX 77067

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
____X____ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount (D)	Price	
Common Stock, \$.01 par value per share	04/27/2010		A		75,000 (1)	A \$ 0	308,292 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 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)	\$ 14.83	04/27/2010		A		266,250		<u>(2)</u>	04/26/2020	Common Stock, \$.01 par value per share	266,250

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
WALL DOUGLAS JAMES 450 GEARS ROAD, SUITE 500 HOUSTON, TX 77067	Chief Executive Officer

Signatures

By Gregory W. Pipkin pursuant to a Limited Power of Attorney filed with the SEC on 4/29/2010. /s/Gregory W. Pipkin 04/29/2010

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 27, 2011 and the remainder vests in equal monthly installments over the twenty-four months following April 27, 2011.
- (2) One-third of the options vest on April 27, 2011 and the remainder vests in equal monthly installments over the twenty-four months following April 27, 2011.

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