WALL DOUGLAS JAMES
Form 4
April 28, 2011

FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
WALL DOUGLAS JAMES

(Last) (First) (Middle)

450 GEARS ROAD, SUITE 500

(Street)

HOUSTON, TX 77067

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
04/26/2011

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
(Check all applicable)

_____ Director _____ 10% Owner
__X__ Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Chief Executive Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person
___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock, $.01 par value per share	04/26/2011		A		71,000 (1)	A	$ 0	379,292	D	
Common Stock, $.01 par value per share	04/27/2011		F(2)		9,113	D	$ 31.2	370,179	D	
Common Stock, $.01 par value per share	04/28/2011		F(3)		745	D	$ 30.9	369,434	D	

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)	$ 31.2	04/26/2011		A		103,500		(4)	04/25/2021	Common Stock, $.01 par value per share	103,500

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 — 04/28/2011

**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 26, 2012 and the remainder vests in equal monthly installments over the twenty-four months following April 26, 2012.

(2) Mr. Wall surrendered 9,113 shares of stock to the issuer to satisfy payroll tax withholding obligations that arose from the vesting of 25,000 shares of restricted stock on April 27, 2011.

(3) Mr. Wall surrendered 745 shares of stock to the issuer to satisfy payroll tax withholding obligations that arose from the vesting of 2,042 shares of restricted stock on April 28, 2011.

(4) One-third of the options vest on April 26, 2012 and the remainder vests in equal monthly installments over the twenty-four months following April 26, 2012.

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