

PATTERSON UTI ENERGY INC  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
 TALBOTT CLOYCE A

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)  
 P.O. BOX 410  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 05/13/2008

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

SNYDER, TX 79550  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**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, \$0.01 par value per share <sup>(1)</sup> | 05/13/2008                           |  | M                              |   | 120,000   | A  | \$ 7.925                          |
|   |                                      |  |                                |   | 469,476   |  |                                   |
| Common Stock, \$0.01 par value per share <sup>(1)</sup> | 05/13/2008                           |  | M                              |   | 127,939   | A  | \$ 13.195                         |
|   |                                      |  |                                |   | 597,415   |  |                                   |
| Common Stock,   | 05/13/2008                           |  | S                              |   | 247,939   | D  | \$ 32.0539                        |
|   |                                      |  |                                |   | 349,476   |  |                                   |

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|---|------------|---|---------|---|----------------|---------|---|
| \$.01 par value per share                   |            |   |         |   | (2)            |         |   |
| Common Stock, \$.01 par value per share (1) | 05/14/2008 | M | 272,061 | A | \$ 13.195      | 621,537 | D |
| Common Stock, \$.01 par value per share     | 05/14/2008 | S | 272,061 | D | \$ 32.0804 (3) | 349,476 | 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 Number of Shares                                 |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy)                | \$ 7.925   | 05/13/2008                           |  | M                              | 120,000   | 07/20/2006(4) 07/19/2011                                 | Common Stock 120,000  |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy)                | \$ 13.195  | 05/13/2008                           |  | M                              | 127,939   | 07/18/2005(4) 07/17/2012                                 | Common Stock 127,939  |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy)                | \$ 13.195  | 05/14/2008                           |  | M                              | 272,061   | 07/18/2005(4) 07/17/2012                                 | Common Stock 272,061  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                       | Relationships |           |         |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| TALBOTT CLOYCE A<br>P.O. BOX 410<br>SNYDER, TX 79550 |               | X         |         |       |

## Signatures

By Gregory W. Pipkin pursuant to a Limited Power of Atutorney filed with the SEC on 5/15/2008. /s/Gregory W. Pipkin

05/15/2008

\_\_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) Acquired upon exercise of option.
- (2) Weighted average price: Actual sales prices ranged from \$31.95 to \$32.09.
- (3) Weighted average price: Actual sales prices ranged from \$32.05 to \$32.21.
- (4) Currently vested.

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