

Moll William Leo Jr
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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 *
 Moll William Leo Jr

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)
 04/28/2009

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 GENERAL COUNSEL AND SECRETARY

HOUSTON, TX 77067

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

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(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	04/28/2009		A		5,000 (1)	A	\$ 0 26,823 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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 13.17	04/28/2009		A	10,000	<u>(2)</u> 04/27/2019	Common Stock, \$.01 par value per share	10,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
Moll William Leo Jr 450 GEARS ROAD, SUITE 500 HOUSTON, TX 77067	Director 10% Owner Officer GENERAL COUNSEL AND SECRETARY

Signatures

By Gregory W. Pipkin pursuant to a Limited Power of Attorney filed with the SEC on 6/6/2008. /s/Gregory W. Pipkin 04/30/2009

__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 28, 2010 and the remainder vests in equal monthly installments over the twenty-four months following April 28, 2010.
- (2) One-third of the options vest on April 28, 2010 and the remainder vests in equal monthly installments over the twenty-four months following April 28, 2010.

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