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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * HUNT TERRY H			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)		
			PATTERSON UTI ENERGY INC [PTEN]			
(Last) (First) (Middle)		` '	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)	_X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specification)		
1500 SPRING MILL LANE			12/20/2016			
	(Street)		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		
VILLANOVA, PA 19085				Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
(City)	(State)	(Zip)		· ID· I c D @·II O		

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	e I - Non-D	Derivative	Securi	ities Acqu	iired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	e 2A. Deemed 3.		4. Securities Acquired on(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount	(D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock, \$.01 par value per share	12/20/2016		M	10,000 (1)	A	\$ 21.95	51,000	D	
Common Stock, \$.01 par value per share	12/20/2016		F	8,129 (<u>2)</u>	D	\$ 27	42,871	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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		vative Expiration Date rities (Month/Day/Year) rired (A) isposed of r. 3, 4,		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)	\$ 21.95	12/20/2016		M		10,000	01/03/2008	01/02/2017	Common Stock, \$.01 par value per share	10,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
HUNT TERRY H								
1500 SPRING MILL LANE	X							
VILLANOVA, PA 19085								

Signatures

By Barry Huntsman pursuant to a Limited Power of Attorney filed with the SEC on 01/02/2014. /s/Barry Huntsman

12/21/2016

**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) Shares disposed to pay exercise price of option.

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