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(Print or Type R	Responses)										
			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
		PATTERSON UTI ENERGY INC [PTEN]					(Check all applicable)				
				e of Earliest Transaction th/Day/Year)				_X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify			
	T SAM HOUSTO NORTH,, SUIT		01/01/20	-				below)	below)		
			ndment, Date Original nth/Day/Year)				 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person 				
HOUSTON	, TX 77064							Form filed by M Person	Iore than One Re	porting	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tabl	e I - Non-D	erivative	Secur	ities Acq	uired, Disposed of	, or Beneficial	ly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)			n Date, if	Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)				5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		
				Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)			
Common Stock, \$.01 par value per share								15,500	D		
Common Stock, \$.01 par value per share	01/02/2018			S	2,574 (1)	D	\$ 23.08	12,926	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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	Transaction of Derivative Code Securities		erivative Expiration Date urities (Month/Day/Year) uired or posed of tr. 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	
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0 <u>(2)</u>	01/01/2018		А	7,605	<u>(3)</u>	(3)	Common Stock, \$.01 par value per share	7,605	₩

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address		Relationsh			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
Thom Tiffany J 10713 WEST SAM HOUSTON PARKWAY NORTH, SUITE 800 HOUSTON, TX 77064	Х				
Signatures					

By Barry Huntsman pursuant to a Limited Power of Attorney filed with the SEC on 08/11/2014. /s/ Barry Huntsman	01/03/2018
<u>**Signature of Reporting Person</u>	Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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Shares sold pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 Sales Plan whereby the reporting person committed to sell the shares on or about January 1, 2018 (1) for the purpose of funding the reporting person's estimated cash tax liability in connection with the vesting of restricted stock on such

(2) Restricted stock units convert into common stock on a one-for-one basis.

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(3) One hundred percent (100%) of the restricted stock units vests on January 1, 2019.

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