BUCKNER CHARLES OLIVER

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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

See Instruction

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * BUCKNER CHARLES OLIVER			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) 6035 PARK	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of (Month/Date 01/01/20	•				_X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)		
				ndment, Date Original hth/Day/Year)				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person		
HOUSTON,	TX 77057							Form filed by Person	More than One R	eporting
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table	I - Non-D	erivative S	Securi	ties Ac	quired, Disposed	of, or Beneficia	lly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction D (Month/Day/Yea	r) Execution any	emed ion Date, if /Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securi onAcquired Disposed (Instr. 3,	l (A) of (D) 4 and (A) or)) 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)
Common Stock, \$.01 par value per share	01/01/2010			Code V	3,000 (1)	(D)	Price	12,000	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)

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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)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount o Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Share
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 15.35	01/01/2010		A	10,000	01/01/2011(2)	12/31/2019	Common Stock, \$.01 par value per share	10,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
reporting Owner Nume / Muress	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
BUCKNER CHARLES OLIVER						
6035 PARK CIRCLE	X					
HOUSTON, TX 77057						

Signatures

By Gregory W. Pipkin pursuant to a Limited Power of Attorney filed with the SEC on 1/5/2010. /s/Gregory W. Pipkin

01/05/2010

**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 hundred percent (100%) of the shares vest on January 1, 2011.
- (2) One hundred percent (100%) of the option vests on January 1, 2011.

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