HUNT TERRY H Form 4

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FORM 4

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

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Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

HUNT TERRY H

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

PATTERSON UTI ENERGY INC

[PTEN]

(Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 01/03/2007

1500 SPRING MILL LANE (Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

_X__ Director

Officer (give title

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

10% Owner

Other (specify

Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

Issuer

below)

VILLANOVA, PA 19085

(City) 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 1.Title of

(State) (Zip)

3. 4. Securities (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or

> Code Disposed of (D) (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4)

Reported

Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)

Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

6. Ownership 7. Nature of

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Number:

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Estimated average

burden hours per

Common

Security

(Instr. 3)

Stock, \$.01 par value

per share

01/03/2007

Α

Code V Amount

3,000

(A)

or

(D)

Α

\$0 14,000

Price

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)	\$ 21.95	01/03/2007		A	10,000	01/03/2008(1)	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 VILLANOVA, PA 19085	X						

Signatures

*By Cloyce A. Talbott pursuant to a Limited Power of Attorney filed with the SEC on 1/2/2004. /s/Cloyce A. Talbott

01/05/2007

**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 option vests on January 3, 2008.

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