

Hendricks William Andrew JR  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *			2. Date of Event Requiring Statement		3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Â Hendricks William Andrew JR			(Month/Day/Year)		PATTERSON UTI ENERGY INC [PTEN]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
450 GEARS ROAD, SUITE 500			(Check all applicable)			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
(Street)			___ Director ___ 10% Owner			_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person
HOUSTON,Â TXÂ 77067			_X_ Officer ___ Other (give title below) (specify below)			___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
(City) (State) (Zip)			Chief Operating Officer			

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock, \$.01 par value per share	0	D	Â

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
		Title			

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Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Amount or Number of Shares	or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)
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## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Hendricks William Andrew JR 450 GEARS ROAD, SUITE 500 HOUSTON, TX 77067	Â	Â	Â Chief Operating Officer	Â

## Signatures

By Gregory W. Pipkin pursuant to a limited power of attorney filed with the SEC on  
4/4/2012./s/Gregory W. Pipkin

04/04/2012

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

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