

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

FORM 4

Statement of changes in beneficial ownership of securities

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ISSUER

PATTERSON UTI ENERGY INC

CIK: **889900** | IRS No.: **752504748** | State of Incorporation: **DE** | Fiscal Year End: **1231**
SIC: **1381** Drilling oil & gas wells

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REPORTING OWNER

SIEGEL MARK S

CIK: **919501**
Type: **4** | Act: **34** | File No.: **000-22664** | Film No.: **061001762**

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person SIEGEL MARK S			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol PATTERSON UTILENERGY INC [PTEN]			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) Chairman of the Board		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/01/2006			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check applicable line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form Filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form Filed by More than One Reporting Person		
1801 CENTURY PARK EAST, SUITE 1111			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)					
(Street) LOS ANGELES, CA 90067								
(City)	(State)	(Zip)						

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock, \$.01 par value per share	08/01/2006		<u>A</u>		30,000	A	\$ 0	170,000	D	
Common Stock, \$.01 par value per share	08/01/2006		<u>A</u>		0	A	\$ 0	1,541,548	I	See footnote ⁽¹⁾

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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative 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 of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						Title
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$28.16	08/01/2006		<u>A</u>		250,000		⁽²⁾	07/31/2016	Common Stock, \$.01 par value per share	250,000	\$ 0	250,000	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- Shares owned by Remy Capital Partners III, L.P. Mr. Siegel is the sole stockholder of the general partner of Remy Capital Partners III, L.P.
- One-third of the options vest on August 1, 2007 and the remainder vests in equal monthly installments over the twenty-four months following August 1, 2007.

Signatures

/s/ Mark S. Siegel

** Signature of Reporting Person

08/03/2006

Date

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

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

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