

PATTERSON UTI ENERGY INC  
Form 8-K  
June 09, 2011

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

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported):

June 8, 2011

**Patterson-UTI Energy, Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

0-22664

75-2504748

(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

(Commission  
File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

450 Gears Road, Suite 500, Houston, Texas

77067

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

281-765-7100

Not Applicable

Former name or former address, if changed since last report

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Top of the Form****Item 5.07 Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders.**

The Annual Meeting of Stockholders of Patterson-UTI Energy, Inc. (the Company) was held on June 8, 2011. Of the 154,246,395 shares of the Company's Common Stock outstanding and entitled to vote at the meeting, 138,864,149 shares were present either in person or by proxy.

The following describes the matters considered by the Company's stockholders at the Annual Meeting, as well as the votes cast at the meeting:

1. To elect seven directors to the Company's Board of Directors to serve until the next annual meeting of the stockholders or until their respective successors are elected and qualified.

<b>Nominee</b>	<b>Votes For</b>	<b>Votes Withheld</b>	<b>Broker Non-Votes</b>
Mark S. Siegel	119,158,345	5,599,237	14,106,567
Kenneth N. Berns	119,219,240	5,538,342	14,106,567
Charles O. Buckner	119,366,131	5,391,451	14,106,567
Curtis W. Huff	119,156,501	5,601,081	14,106,567
Terry H. Hunt	120,034,093	4,723,489	14,106,567
Kenneth R. Peak	115,196,347	9,561,235	14,106,567
Cloyce A. Talbott	111,576,807	13,180,775	14,106,567

2. To consider and vote upon approval of the material terms of the performance goals that may apply to performance-based awards under the Company's Long-Term Incentive Plan.

<b>Votes For</b>	<b>Votes Against</b>	<b>Abstentions</b>	<b>Broker Non-votes</b>
119,847,051	3,896,416	1,014,115	14,106,567

3. To cast an advisory vote to approve the compensation of the executives disclosed in the Company's proxy statement for the Annual Meeting.

<b>Votes For</b>	<b>Votes Against</b>	<b>Abstentions</b>	<b>Broker Non-votes</b>
100,200,242	23,437,323	1,120,017	14,106,567

4. To cast an advisory vote on the frequency of future advisory votes on executive compensation.

<b>Every Year</b>	<b>Every Two Years</b>	<b>Every Three Years</b>	<b>Abstentions</b>	<b>Broker Non-votes</b>
108,898,173	2,259,763	12,393,288	1,206,358	14,106,567

5. Ratification of the selection of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2011.

<b>Votes For</b>	<b>Votes Against</b>	<b>Abstentions</b>	<b>Broker Non-votes</b>
138,050,067	782,469	31,613	0

**Disclosure Regarding Frequency of Stockholder Advisory Vote on Executive Compensation**

In accordance with the results of the advisory vote, the Company intends to hold future advisory votes annually on the compensation of executive officers in its proxy materials until the next required vote on the frequency of stockholder votes on the compensation of executive officers.



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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Patterson-UTI Energy, Inc.

*June 9, 2011*

By: */s/ John E. Vollmer III*

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*Name: John E. Vollmer III  
Title: Senior Vice President - Corporate Development, Chief  
Financial Officer and Treasurer*