

PATTERSON UTI ENERGY INC  
Form 8-K  
April 20, 2015

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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):

April 17, 2015

**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

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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**Item 8.01 Other Events.**

On April 20, 2015, Patterson-UTI Energy, Inc. announced that its subsidiary, Patterson-UTI Drilling Company LLC (the "Company"), has reached an agreement with the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission to resolve previously disclosed allegations that originated from claims from field-based employees a number of years ago. Rather than pursuing costly litigation to dispute past claims, the Company's leadership team chose to work with the Commission to institute additional human resources best practices and enter into a no-fault \$12.26 million settlement. The settlement terms were approved by a federal judge on April 17, 2015. The Company encourages those who are eligible to submit claims to participate in the settlement when they receive notice from the settlement administrator in approximately 60 days.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) The following exhibit is furnished herewith:

99.1 Press Release Announcing Settlement with U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

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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.

*April 20, 2015*

By: *John E. Vollmer III*

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

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<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
99.1	Press Release Announcing Settlement with U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.