PATTERSON UTI ENERGY INC Form 8-K October 28, 2010

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):

October 28, 2010

Patterson-UTI Energy, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

0-22664

(Commission

File Number)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

450 Gears Road, Suite 500, Houston, Texas

(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code:

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:

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

75-2504748

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

77067

(Zip Code)

281-765-7100

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<u>Top of the Form</u> Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On October 28, 2010, Patterson-UTI Energy, Inc. (the "Company") announced financial results for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2010. The press release, dated October 28, 2010, is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this report and is incorporated by reference herein.

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

On October 28, 2010, the Company announced financial results for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2010.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) The following exhibit is furnished herewith:

99.1 Press Release dated October 28, 2010 announcing financial results for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2010.

The information in this report is being furnished and shall not be deemed to be "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, shall not otherwise be subject to the liabilities of that section and shall not be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

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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.

October 28, 2010

By: /s/ John E. Vollmer III

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

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