PATTERSON UTI ENERGY INC Form 8-K August 03, 2006

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):

August 3, 2006

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.)
4510 Lamesa Hwy., Snyder, Texas		79549
(Address of principal executive offices)		(Zip Code)
Registrant s telephone number, including area code:		325-574-6300
	Not Applicable	
Former nan	ne or former address, if changed since l	ast report
Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filin he following provisions:	g is intended to simultaneously satisfy	the filing obligation of the registrant under any of
Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 und Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under Pre-commencement communications pursuant to D Pre-commencement communications pursuant to D	the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12 Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act	2) (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

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Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

Patterson-UTI Energy, Inc. (the "Company") wishes to disclose its press release dated August 3, 2006, furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.1, relating to the Company's financial results for the second quarter and six months ended June 30, 2006.

Item 8.01 Other Events.

On August 2, 2006, the Board of Directors of Patterson-UTI Energy, Inc. approved a quarterly cash dividend on each share of its common stock in the amount of \$0.08 per share. The dividend is to be paid on September 29, 2006, to holders of record as of September 14, 2006.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

- (c) The following exhibit is furnished herewith:
- 99.1 Press Release dated August 3, 2006, relating to the financial results of Patterson-UTI Energy, Inc. for the second quarter and six months ended June 30, 2006 and the approval of a quarterly cash dividend.

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.

August 3, 2006 By: /s/ John E. Vollmer III

Name: John E. Vollmer III Title: Chief Financial Officer

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