

PATTERSON UTI ENERGY INC  
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April 18, 2011

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

**SCHEDULE 14A**

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**Patterson-UTI Energy, Inc.**

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Voting items The Board of Directors recommends you vote FOR the following: 1. Election of Directors Nominees 01 Mark S. Siegel 02 Kenneth N. Berns 03 Charles O. Buckner 04 Curtis W. Huff 05 Terry H. Hunt 06 Kenneth R. Peak 07 Cloyce A. Talbott The Board of Directors recommends you vote FOR proposals 2 and 3. 2 Approval of the material terms of the performance criteria under Patterson-UTI's Long-Term Incentive Plan. 3 Approval of an advisory resolution on executive compensation. The Board of Directors recommends you vote 1 YEAR on the following proposal: 4 Advisory vote on the frequency of future advisory votes on executive compensation. The Board of Directors recommends you vote FOR the following proposal: 5 Ratification of the selection of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as the independent registered public accounting firm of Patterson-UTI for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2011. NOTE: Such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment thereof. R1.0.0.11699\_3 0000103964

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