

PATTERSON UTI ENERGY INC  
Form 15-12G  
October 27, 2011

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM 15**

**CERTIFICATION AND NOTICE OF TERMINATION OF REGISTRATION UNDER SECTION 12(g) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 OR SUSPENSION OF DUTY TO FILE REPORTS UNDER SECTIONS 13 AND 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934.**

Commission File Number: 0-22664

**Patterson-UTI Energy, Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

450 Gears Road, Suite 500

Houston, Texas 77067

(281) 765-7100

(Address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of registrant's principal executive offices)

**Preferred Share Purchase Rights**

(Title of each class of securities covered by this Form)

**Common Stock, \$0.01 Par Value**

(Titles of all other classes of securities for which a duty to file reports under section 13(a) or 15(d) remains)

Please place an X in the box(es) to designate the appropriate rule provision(s) relied upon to terminate or suspend the duty to file reports:

Rule 12g-4(a)(1)                      x

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Rule 12g-4(a)(2)	..
Rule 12h-3(b)(1)	x
Rule 12h-3(b)(2)	..
Rule 15d-6	..
Rule 15d-22(b)	..

Approximate number of holders of record as of the certification or notice date: zero

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Patterson-UTI Energy, Inc. has caused this certification/notice to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned duly authorized person.

**Patterson-UTI Energy, Inc.**

Date: October 27, 2011

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

Senior Vice President Corporate Development, Chief Financial  
Officer and Treasurer