

PATTERSON UTI ENERGY INC  
Form 8-K  
September 09, 2013

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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):

September 6, 2013

**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:

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- 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 September 9, 2013, Patterson-UTI Energy, Inc. (the "Company") announced that during the third quarter of 2013 the Company repurchased 2,556,504 shares of its common stock at an average price of \$19.90 per share. These purchases, which total approximately \$50.9 million, complete the \$150 million stock buyback program that was approved by the Company's Board of Directors in July 2012. The Company also announced that on September 6, 2013, the Company's Board of Directors approved a new stock buyback program that authorizes purchases of an additional \$200 million of the Company's common stock.

Under the program, share purchases may be made from time to time in the open market or through privately negotiated transactions, and the timing and amount of repurchases will depend on market conditions, share price, trading volume and other factors. Any repurchases will be made in accordance with applicable insider trading and other securities laws and regulations. These repurchases may be commenced or suspended at any time or from time to time without prior notice.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) The following exhibit is furnished herewith:

99.1 Press Release dated September 9, 2013 announcing a new \$200 million stock repurchase authorization and completion of the prior buyback program

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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.

*September 9, 2013*

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>
99.01	Press Release dated September 9, 2013 announcing a new \$200 million stock repurchase authorization and completion of the prior buyback program