

PATTERSON UTI ENERGY INC

Form 8-K

January 29, 2004

**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): **January 29, 2004**

Patterson-UTI Energy, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation)

0-22664
(Commission File Number)

75-2504748
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

4510 Lamesa Highway
Snyder, Texas
(Address of principal executive offices)

79549
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (325) 574-6300

N/A
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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99.1 Press Release dated January 29, 2004, relating to the financial results of Patterson-UTI Energy, Inc. for the quarter and year ended December 31, 2003.

Item 12. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

Patterson-UTI Energy, Inc. (the Company) wishes to disclose its press release dated January 29, 2004, relating to the Company's financial results for the quarter and year ended December 31, 2003, furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.1.

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.

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.

Dated: January 29, 2004

By: /s/ Jonathan D. Nelson

Jonathan D. Nelson
Vice President Finance, Chief Financial Officer, Secretary and
Treasurer

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