



# PATTERSON-UTI ENERGY, INC.

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Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration  
Room N-5644  
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200 Constitution Ave., N.W.  
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**Re: *Patterson-UTI Energy, Inc. 2005 Long-Term Incentive Plan***

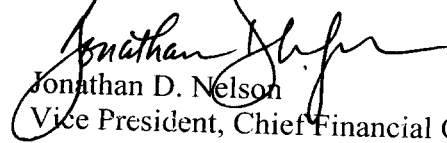
Dear Sir or Madam:

In accordance with the Department of Labor Regulation § 2520.104-23, this letter will serve as the alternative method of compliance with the reporting and disclosure requirements of Part I of Title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended, for a pension plan for a select group of management or highly compensated employees.

1. The name and address of the employer is Patterson-UTI Energy, Inc., 4510 Lamesa Highway, Snyder, Texas 79549.
2. The employer identification number assigned by the Internal Revenue Service to the employer is 75-2504748.
3. The employer declares that it maintains this Plan primarily for the purpose of providing deferred compensation for a select group of management or highly compensated employees.
4. Currently, there are no employees in this Plan.

Currently, we do not believe that the Patterson-UTI Energy, Inc. Long-Term Incentive Plan is subject to regulation under Title I of ERISA. However, we are listing the plan on this top-hat statement as a protective measure.

Very truly yours,

  
Jonathan D. Nelson  
Vice President, Chief Financial Officer

cc: Robert T. Mashburn, Jr.



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