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# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

#### Form S-3

REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

#### **ProPetro Holding Corp.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

#### Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

#### 26-3685382

(I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

1706 S. Midkiff, Bldg. B Midland, Texas 79701 (432) 688-0012

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

Dale Redman Chief Executive Officer 1706 S. Midkiff, Bldg. B Midland, Texas 79701 (432) 688-0012

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Copies to:

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#### APPROXIMATE DATE OF COMMENCEMENT OF PROPOSED SALE TO THE PUBLIC: From time to time after the effective date of this registration statement.

If the only securities being registered on this Form are being offered pursuant to dividend or interest reinvestment plans, please check the following bo

If any of the securities being registered on this Form are to be offered on a delayed or continuous basis pursuant to Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933, other than securities offered only in connection with dividend or interest reinvestment plans, check the following box.

If this Form is filed to register additional securities for an offering pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act, please check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.  $\square$ 

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If this Form is a registration statement pursuant to General Instruction I.D. or a post-effective amendment thereto that shall become effective on filing with the Commission pursuant to Rule 462(e) under the Securities Act, check the following box.  $\blacksquare$ 

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securities pursuant to Rule 413(b) under the Securities Act, check the following box. □						
Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, smaller reporting company, or an emerging growth company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer," "smaller reporting company," and "emerging growth company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.						
	Large accelerated filer □	Accelerated filer □	Non-accelerated filer (Do not check if a smaller reporting company)	Smaller reporting company ☐ Emerging growth company ☑		
If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for comply with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section $7(a)(2)(B)$ of Securities Act.						

#### CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

	Title of each class of securities to be registered	Amount to be registered/proposed maximum offering price per unit/proposed maximum aggregate offering price	Amount of registration fee	
Common Stock		(1)(2)(3)	\$(4)	
Preferred Stock		(1)(2)(3)	\$(4)	

- (1) Omitted pursuant to Form S-3 General Instruction II.E.
- (2) An unspecified number of securities or aggregate principal amount, as applicable, is being registered as may from time to time be offered at unspecified prices.
- (3) Includes rights to acquire common stock or preferred stock of the Company under any shareholder rights plan then in effect, if applicable under the terms of any such plan.
- (4) In accordance with Rules 456(b) and 457(r) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, the registrant is deferring payment of the entire registration fee.



## **ProPetro Holding Corp.**

Common Stock
Preferred Stock

# Common Stock Offered by the Selling Securityholders

We may offer and sell the securities identified above, and the selling securityholders may offer and sell shares of common stock, in each case from time to time in one or more offerings. This prospectus provides you with a general description of the securities. We will not receive any proceeds from the sale of our common stock by the selling securityholders.

Each time we or any of the selling securityholders offer and sell securities, we or such selling securityholders will provide a supplement to this prospectus that contains specific information about the offering and, if applicable, the selling securityholders, as well as the amounts, prices and terms of the securities. The supplement may also add, update or change information contained in this prospectus with respect to that offering. You should carefully read this prospectus and the applicable prospectus supplement before you invest in any of our securities.

We may offer and sell the securities described in this prospectus and any prospectus supplement to or through one or more underwriters, dealers and agents, or directly to purchasers, or through a combination of these methods. In addition, the selling securityholders may offer and sell shares of our common stock from time to time, together or separately. If any underwriters, dealers or agents are involved in the sale of any of the securities, their names and any applicable purchase price, fee, commission or discount arrangement between or among them will be set forth, or will be calculable from the information set forth, in the applicable prospectus supplement. See the sections of this prospectus entitled "About this Prospectus" and "Plan of Distribution" for more information. No securities may be sold without delivery of this prospectus and the applicable prospectus supplement describing the method and terms of the offering of such securities.

INVESTING IN OUR SECURITIES INVOLVES RISKS. SEE THE " *RISK FACTORS*" ON PAGE 5 OF THIS PROSPECTUS AND ANY SIMILAR SECTION CONTAINED IN THE APPLICABLE PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT CONCERNING FACTORS YOU SHOULD CONSIDER BEFORE INVESTING IN OUR SECURITIES.

Our common stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "PUMP." On May 9, 2018, the last reported sale price of our common stock on the New York Stock Exchange was \$19.53 per share.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or passed upon the adequacy or accuracy of this prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

The date of this prospectus is May 10, 2018.

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#### ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS

This prospectus is part of a registration statement that we filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, or the SEC, as a "well-known seasoned issuer" as defined in Rule 405 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, using a "shelf" registration process. By using a shelf registration statement, we may sell securities from time to time and in one or more offerings and the selling securityholders to be named in a supplement to this prospectus may, from time to time, sell shares of common stock from time to time in one or more offerings as described in this prospectus. Each time that we or the selling securityholders offer and sell securities, we or the selling securityholders will provide a prospectus supplement to this prospectus that contains specific information about the securities being offered and sold and the specific terms of that offering. We may also authorize one or more free writing prospectuses to be provided to you that may contain material information relating to these offerings. The prospectus supplement or free writing prospectus may also add, update or change information contained in this prospectus with respect to that offering. If there is any inconsistency between the information in this prospectus and the applicable prospectus supplement or free writing prospectus, you should rely on the prospectus supplement or free writing prospectus, you should rely on the prospectus and the applicable prospectus supplement (and any applicable free writing prospectuses), together with the additional information described under the heading "Where You Can Find More Information; Incorporation by Reference."

Neither we, nor the selling securityholders, have authorized anyone to provide you with any information or to make any representations other than those contained in this prospectus, any applicable prospectus supplement or any free writing prospectuses prepared by or on behalf of us or to which we have referred you. We and the selling securityholders take no responsibility for, and can provide no assurance as to the reliability of, any other information that others may give you. We and the selling securityholders will not make an offer to sell these securities in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted. You should assume that the information appearing in this prospectus and the applicable prospectus supplement to this prospectus is accurate only as of the date on its respective cover, that the information appearing in any applicable free writing prospectus is accurate only as of the date of that free writing prospectus, and that any information incorporated by reference is accurate only as of the date of the document incorporated by reference, unless we indicate otherwise. Our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed since those dates. This prospectus incorporates by reference, and any prospectus supplement or free writing prospectus may contain and incorporate by reference, market data and industry statistics and forecasts that are based on independent industry publications and other publicly available information. Although we believe these sources are reliable, we do not guarantee the accuracy or completeness of this information and we have not independently verified this information. In addition, the market and industry data and forecasts that may be included or incorporated by reference in this prospectus, any prospectus supplement or any applicable free writing prospectus may involve estimates, assumptions and other risks and uncertainties and are subject to change based on various factors, including those discussed under the heading "Risk Factors" contained in this prospectus, the applicable prospectus supplement and any applicable free writing prospectus, and under similar headings in other documents that are incorporated by reference into this prospectus. Accordingly, investors should not place undue reliance on this information.

When we refer to "ProPetro Holding Corp.," "we," "our," "us" and the "Company" in this prospectus, we mean ProPetro Holding Corp. and its consolidated subsidiaries, unless otherwise specified. When we refer to "you," we mean the potential holders of the applicable series of securities.

#### WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION; INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE

#### **Available Information**

We file reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC. Information filed with the SEC by us can be inspected and copied at the Public Reference Room maintained by the SEC at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. You may also obtain copies of this information by mail from the Public Reference Room of the SEC at prescribed rates. Further information on the operation of the SEC's Public Reference Room in Washington, D.C. can be obtained by calling the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330. The SEC also maintains a web site that contains reports, proxy and information statements and other information about issuers, such as us, who file electronically with the SEC. The address of that website is <a href="https://www.sec.gov">https://www.sec.gov</a>.

Our web site address is <a href="http://www.propetroservices.com">http://www.propetroservices.com</a>. The information on our web site, however, is not, and should not be deemed to be, a part of this prospectus.

This prospectus and any prospectus supplement are part of a registration statement that we filed with the SEC and do not contain all of the information in the registration statement. The full registration statement may be obtained from the SEC or us, as provided below. Other documents establishing the terms of the offered securities are or may be filed as exhibits to the registration statement or documents incorporated by reference in the registration statement. Statements in this prospectus or any prospectus supplement about these documents are summaries and each statement is qualified in all respects by reference to the document to which it refers. You should refer to the actual documents for a more complete description of the relevant matters. You may inspect a copy of the registration statement at the SEC's Public Reference Room in Washington, D.C. or through the SEC's website, as provided above.

#### Incorporation by Reference

The SEC's rules allow us to "incorporate by reference" information into this prospectus, which means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to another document filed separately with the SEC. The information incorporated by reference is deemed to be part of this prospectus, and subsequent information that we file with the SEC will automatically update and supersede that information. Any statement contained in this prospectus or a previously filed document incorporated by reference will be deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes of this prospectus to the extent that a statement contained in this prospectus or a subsequently filed document incorporated by reference modifies or replaces that statement.

This prospectus and any accompanying prospectus supplement incorporate by reference the documents set forth below that have previously been filed with the SEC (except for information that is furnished rather than filed):

- Our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017, filed with the SEC on March 27, 2018.
- The information specifically incorporated by reference into our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017 from our Definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A filed with the SEC on April 26, 2018.
- Our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2018, filed with the SEC on May 9, 2018.
- Our Current Reports on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on January 29, 2018 and February 27, 2018.

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• The description of our Common Stock contained in our Registration Statement on Form 8-A, dated March 16, 2017, filed with the SEC on March 16, 2017 and any amendment or report filed with the SEC for the purpose of updating the description.

All reports and other documents we subsequently file pursuant to Section 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, which we refer to as the "Exchange Act" in this prospectus, prior to the termination of this offering but excluding any information furnished to, rather than filed with, the SEC, will also be incorporated by reference into this prospectus and deemed to be part of this prospectus from the date of the filing of such reports and documents.

You may request a free copy of any of the documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus by writing or telephoning us at the following address:

ProPetro Holding Corp. 1706 S. Midkiff, Bldg. B, Midland, Texas 79701 (432) 688-0012

Exhibits to the filings will not be sent, however, unless those exhibits have specifically been incorporated by reference in this prospectus or any accompanying prospectus supplement.

#### THE COMPANY

We are a growth-oriented, Midland, Texas-based oilfield services company providing hydraulic fracturing and other complementary services to leading upstream oil and gas companies engaged in the exploration and production ("E&P") of North American unconventional oil and natural gas resources. Our operations are primarily focused in the Permian Basin, where we have cultivated long-standing customer relationships with some of the region's most active and well-capitalized E&P companies. The Permian Basin is widely regarded as the most prolific oil-producing area in the United States, and we believe we are currently one of the largest providers of hydraulic fracturing services in the region by hydraulic horsepower, or HHP, with a current aggregate deployed capacity of 815,000 HHP.

In addition to our core hydraulic fracturing operations, we also offer a suite of complementary well completion and production services, including cementing, acidizing, coiled tubing, flowback services, surface air drilling and Permian drilling. We believe these complementary services create operational efficiencies for our customers and allow us to capture a greater portion of their capital spending across the lifecycle of an unconventional well.

We filed our certificate of incorporation with the Secretary of State of Delaware on March 16, 2017.

Our principal executive offices are located at 1706 S. Midkiff, Bldg. B, Midland, Texas 79701, and our telephone number is (432) 688-0012.

#### RISK FACTORS

Investment in any securities offered pursuant to this prospectus and the applicable prospectus supplement involves risks. You should carefully consider the risk factors incorporated by reference to our most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K and any subsequent Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q or Current Reports on Form 8-K we file after the date of this prospectus, and all other information contained or incorporated by reference into this prospectus, as updated by our subsequent filings under the Exchange Act, and the risk factors and other information contained in the applicable prospectus supplement and any applicable free writing prospectus before acquiring any of such securities. The occurrence of any of these risks might cause you to lose all or part of your investment in the offered securities.

#### USE OF PROCEEDS

We intend to use the net proceeds from the sale of the securities as set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement. We will not receive any of the proceeds from the sale of common stock being offered by any of the selling securityholders.

#### RATIO OF EARNINGS TO FIXED CHARGES AND PREFERRED SHARE DIVIDENDS

The following table sets forth the historical ratios of earnings to fixed charges and preferred share dividends for ProPetro Holding Corp. and its consolidated subsidiaries for the periods indicated.

	Three Months	Year Ended December 31,		
	Ended March 31,			
	2018	2017	2016	2015
Ratio of earnings (loss) to fixed charges(1)	35.0	3.0	<u>(2)</u>	-(3)

- (1) For the periods indicated above, we have no outstanding shares of preferred stock with required dividend payments. Therefore, the ratios of earnings to combined fixed charges and preferred stock dividends are identical to the ratios presented in the tables above.
- (2) Earnings were inadequate to cover fixed charges by \$81.1 million for the year ended December 31, 2016.
- (3) Earnings were inadequate to cover fixed charges by \$71.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2015.

#### DESCRIPTION OF CAPITAL STOCK

We are a Delaware corporation. The following description of our capital stock, certificate of incorporation, bylaws, registration rights agreement and stockholders agreement does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the provisions of applicable law and to our certificate of incorporation, bylaws, registration rights agreement and stockholders agreement, which have been publicly filed with the SEC. See "Where You Can Find More Information; Incorporation by Reference."

Our authorized capital stock consists of:

- 200,000,000 shares of common stock, \$0.001 par value; and
- 30,000,000 shares of preferred stock; \$0.001 par value.

#### **Common Stock**

Except as provided by law or in a preferred stock designation, holders of common stock are entitled to one vote for each share held of record on all matters submitted to a vote of the shareholder, have the exclusive right to vote for the election of directors and do not have cumulative voting rights. Except as otherwise required by law, holders of common stock are not entitled to vote on any amendment to the certificate of incorporation (including any certificate of designations relating to any series of preferred stock) that relates solely to the terms of any outstanding series of preferred stock if the holders of such affected series are entitled, either separately or together with the holders of one or more other such series, to vote thereon pursuant to the certificate of incorporation (including any certificate of designations relating to any series of preferred stock) or pursuant to the Delaware General Corporation Law (the "DGCL"). Subject to prior rights and preferences that may be applicable to any outstanding shares or series of preferred stock, holders of common stock are entitled to receive ratably in proportion to the shares of common stock held by them such dividends (payable in cash, stock or otherwise), if any, as may be declared from time to time by our board of directors out of funds legally available for dividend payments. All outstanding shares of common stock are fully paid and non-assessable. The holders of common stock have no preferences or rights of conversion, exchange, preemption or other subscription rights. There are no redemption or sinking fund provisions applicable to the common stock. In the event of any voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution or winding up of our affairs, holders of common stock will be entitled to share ratably in our assets in proportion to the shares of common stock held by them that are remaining after payment or provision for payment of all of our debts and obligations and after distribution in full of preferential amounts to be distributed to holders of outstanding shares of preferred stock, if any.

#### **Preferred Stock**

Our certificate of incorporation authorizes our board of directors, subject to any limitations prescribed by law and in our stockholders agreement, without further stockholder approval, to establish and to issue from time to time one or more classes or series of preferred stock, par value \$0.001 per share, covering up to an aggregate of 30,000,000 shares of preferred stock. Each class or series of preferred stock will cover the number of shares and will have the powers, preferences, rights, qualifications, limitations and restrictions determined by the board of directors, which may include, among others, dividend rights, liquidation preferences, voting rights, conversion rights, preemptive rights and redemption rights. Except as provided by law or in a preferred stock designation, the holders of preferred stock will not be entitled to vote at or receive notice of any meeting of stockholders.

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#### **Registration Rights Agreement**

We have entered into a registration rights agreement with certain shareholders, including Energy Capital Partners II, LP, or Energy Capital Partners, and Special Situations Fund III, L.P. Pursuant to this registration rights agreement, we are required to cause a shelf registration statement to be filed as soon as permitted by the applicable securities laws. Also pursuant to the registration rights agreement, certain shareholders have the right to demand we undertake an underwritten offering of such shareholders' shares of our common stock at any time after the first anniversary of the consummation of our IPO. Pursuant to this provision, Energy Capital Partners has the right to demand up to five underwritten offerings, and Special Situations Fund III, L.P. has the right to demand up to two underwritten offerings, so long as the minimum expected offering price is \$15 million. In addition, shareholders have certain "piggyback" rights when we undertake an underwritten offering of shares of our common stock, subject to customary cutbacks.

#### **Stockholders Agreement**

We have entered into a stockholders agreement with Energy Capital Partners that provides Energy Capital Partners and its affiliates who hold our shares certain rights to designate nominees for election to our board of directors. The stockholders agreement provides that, subject to compliance with applicable law and stock exchange rules, for so long as Energy Capital Partners and its affiliates beneficially own at least 30% of our common stock then outstanding, it shall be entitled to designate a number of directors equal to one fewer than a majority of the directors; for so long as Energy Capital Partners and its affiliates beneficially own at least 20% of our common stock then outstanding, it shall be entitled to designate the greater of three directors and 25% of the total number of directors (rounded up to the next whole number); and for so long as Energy Capital Partners and its affiliates beneficially own at least 10% of our common stock then outstanding, it shall be entitled to designate the greater of two directors and 15% of the total number of directors (rounded up to the next whole number); and for so long as Energy Capital Partners and its affiliates beneficially own at least 5% of our common stock then outstanding, it shall be entitled to designate one director.

Energy Capital Partners is entitled to designate the replacement for any of its board designees whose board service terminates prior to the end of the director's term regardless of their beneficial ownership at such time. Energy Capital Partners also has the right, but not the obligation, to designate at least one of its nominees as a member to each of the committees of our board of directors for so long as it has the right to designate at least one director, subject to compliance with applicable law and stock exchange rules.

Additionally, for as long as Energy Capital Partners and its affiliates hold at least 10% of our outstanding common stock, any directors designated by Energy Capital Partners will have certain information and access rights to our management, including the right to receive our annual budget, business plan and financial forecasts.

The stockholders agreement will terminate upon the earliest to occur of (a) the dissolution of the Company, (b) the date on which Energy Capital Partners and its affiliates cease to own any outstanding shares of our common stock and (c) the written agreement of the company and Energy Capital Partners.

#### Anti-Takeover Effects of Provisions of Our Certificate of Incorporation, our Bylaws and our Stockholders Agreement

Some provisions of the DGCL our certificate of incorporation, our bylaws and our stockholders agreement contain provisions that could make the following transactions more difficult: acquisitions of us by means of a tender offer, a proxy contest or otherwise or removal of our directors. These provisions may also have the effect of preventing changes in our management. It is possible that these

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provisions could make it more difficult to accomplish or could deter transactions that stockholders may otherwise consider to be in their best interest or in our best interests, including transactions that might result in a premium over the market price for our shares.

These provisions are expected to discourage coercive takeover practices and inadequate takeover bids. These provisions are also designed to encourage persons seeking to acquire control of us to first negotiate with us. We believe that the benefits of increased protection and our potential ability to negotiate with the proponent of an unfriendly or unsolicited proposal to acquire or restructure us outweigh the disadvantages of discouraging these proposals because, among other things, negotiation of these proposals could result in an improvement of their terms.

#### **Anti-Takeover Effects of Delaware Law**

Section 203 of the DGCL prohibits a Delaware corporation, including those whose securities are listed for trading on the NYSE, from engaging in any business combination (as defined in Section 203) with any interested stockholder (as defined in Section 203) for a period of three years following the date that the stockholder became an interested stockholder, unless:

- the business combination or the transaction which resulted in the shareholder becoming an interested shareholder is approved by the board of directors before the date the interested shareholder attained that status;
- upon consummation of the transaction that resulted in the shareholder becoming an interested shareholder, the interested shareholder owned at least 85% of the voting stock of the corporation outstanding at the time the transaction commenced; or
- on or after such time the business combination is approved by the board of directors and authorized at a meeting of shareholders by at least two thirds of the outstanding voting stock that is not owned by the interested shareholder.

A corporation may elect not to be subject to Section 203 of the DGCL. We have elected to not be subject to the provisions of Section 203 of the DGCL.

#### Transfer Agent and Registrar

The transfer agent and registrar for our common stock is American Stock Transfer & Trust Company, LLC.

#### Listing

We list our common stock on the NYSE under the symbol "PUMP."

#### SELLING SECURITYHOLDERS

Information about selling securityholders, where applicable, will be set forth in a prospectus supplement, in a post-effective amendment or in filings we make with the SEC under the Exchange Act that are incorporated by reference.

#### PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

We or any of the selling securityholders may sell the offered securities from time to time:

- through underwriters or dealers;
- through agents;
- directly to one or more purchasers; or
- through a combination of any of these methods of sale.

We will identify the specific plan of distribution, including any underwriters, dealers, agents or direct purchasers and their compensation in the applicable prospectus supplement.

#### **LEGAL MATTERS**

Latham & Watkins LLP will pass upon certain legal matters relating to the issuance and sale of the securities offered hereby on behalf of ProPetro Holding Corp. Additional legal matters may be passed upon for us, the selling securityholders or any underwriters, dealers or agents, by counsel that we will name in the applicable prospectus supplement.

#### **EXPERTS**

The consolidated financial statements incorporated in this Prospectus by reference from the ProPetro Holding Corp. Annual Report on Form 10-K have been audited by Deloitte & Touche LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, as stated in their report, which is incorporated herein by reference. Such consolidated financial statements have been so incorporated in reliance upon the report of such firm given upon their authority as experts in accounting and auditing.

## PART II INFORMATION NOT REQUIRED IN PROSPECTUS

#### Item 14. Other Expenses of Issuance and Distribution

The following is an estimate of the expenses (all of which are to be paid by the registrant) that we may incur in connection with the securities being registered hereby.

SEC registration fee	\$ (1)
FINRA filing fee	\$ (2)
NYSE supplemental listing fee	\$ (2)
Printing and engraving expenses	\$ (2)
Fees and expenses of legal counsel	\$ (2)
Accounting and consulting fees and expenses	\$ (2)
Transfer agent and registrar fees	\$ (2)
Miscellaneous	\$ (2)
Total	\$ (1)(2)

- (1) Pursuant to Rules 456(b) and 457(r) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, the SEC registration fee will be paid at the time of any particular offering of securities under the registration statement, and is therefore not currently determinable.
- (2) These fees are calculated based on the securities offered and the number of issuances and accordingly cannot be estimated at this time.

#### Item 15. Indemnification of Directors and Officers

We are a Delaware corporation. Our certificate of incorporation provides that a director will not be liable to the corporation or its stockholders for monetary damages to the fullest extent permitted by the Delaware General Corporation Law (the "DGCL"). In addition, if the DGCL is amended to authorize the further elimination or limitation of the liability of directors, then the liability of a director of the corporation, in addition to the limitation on personal liability provided for in our certificate of incorporation, will be limited to the fullest extent permitted by the amended DGCL. Our bylaws provide that the corporation will indemnify, and advance expenses to, any officer or director to the fullest extent authorized by the DGCL.

Section 145 of the DGCL provides that a corporation may indemnify directors and officers as well as other employees and individuals against expenses, including attorneys' fees, judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement in connection with specified actions, suits and proceedings whether civil, criminal, administrative, or investigative, other than a derivative action by or in the right of the corporation, if they acted in good faith and in a manner they reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe their conduct was unlawful. A similar standard is applicable in the case of derivative actions, except that indemnification extends only to expenses, including attorneys' fees, incurred in connection with the defense or settlement of such action and the statute requires court approval before there can be any indemnification where the person seeking indemnification has been found liable to the corporation. The statute provides that it is not exclusive of other indemnification that may be granted by a corporation's certificate of incorporation, bylaws, disinterested director vote, stockholder vote, agreement or otherwise.

Our certificate of incorporation also contains indemnification rights for our directors and our officers. Specifically, our certificate of incorporation provides that we shall indemnify our officers and directors to the fullest extent authorized by the DGCL. Further, we may maintain insurance on behalf

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of our officers and directors against expense, liability or loss asserted incurred by them in their capacities as officers and directors. We have obtained directors' and officers' insurance to cover our directors, officers and some of our employees for certain liabilities.

We have entered into written indemnification agreements with our directors and executive officers. Under these proposed agreements, if an officer or director makes a claim of indemnification to us, either a majority of the independent directors or independent legal counsel selected by the independent directors must review the relevant facts and make a determination whether the officer or director has met the standards of conduct under Delaware law that would permit (under Delaware law) and require (under the indemnification agreement) us to indemnify the officer or director.

Any underwriting agreement or distribution agreement that the registrant enters into with any underwriters or agents involved in the offering or sale of any securities registered hereby may require such underwriters or dealers to indemnify the registrant, some or all of its directors and officers and its controlling persons, if any, for specified liabilities, which may include liabilities under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

#### Item 16. Exhibits

Exhibit
Number Description

- 1.1\* Form of Underwriting Agreement.
- 3.1 Certificate of Incorporation of ProPetro Holding Corp. (incorporated by reference herein to Exhibit 3.1 to ProPetro Holding Corp.'s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2017).
- 3.2 Bylaws of ProPetro Holding Corp. (incorporated by reference herein to Exhibit 3.3 to the ProPetro Holding Corp.'s Registration Statement on Form S-1, dated March 10, 2017 (Registration No. 333-215940).
- 4.1 Specimen Stock Certificate (incorporated by reference herein to Exhibit 4.1 to ProPetro Holding Corp.'s Registration Statement on Form S-1, dated February 23, 2017 (Registration No. 333-215940).
- 4.2 Registration Rights Agreement, dated March 4, 2013, by and among ProPetro Holding Corp. and the parties thereto (incorporated by reference herein to Exhibit 4.2 to ProPetro Holding Corp.'s Registration Statement on Form S-1, dated February 23, 2017 (Registration No. 333-215940)).
- 4.3 Stockholders Agreement, dated as of March 22, 2017, by and among ProPetro Holding Corp., Energy Capital Partners II, LP, Energy Capital Partners II-A, LP, Energy Capital Partners II-B, LP, Energy Capital Partners II-C (Direct IP), LP, Energy Capital Partners II-D, LP, Energy Capital Partners II (Midland Co-Invest), LP (incorporated by reference herein to Exhibit 4.1 to ProPetro Holding Corp.'s Current Report on Form 8-K, dated March 28, 2017).
- 5.1 Opinion of Latham & Watkins LLP.
- 12.1 <u>Statement Regarding the Computation of Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges and Preferred Share Dividends for the Three Months Ended March 31, 2018 and the Years Ended December 31, 2017 and 2016.</u>
- 23.1 Consent of Latham & Watkins LLP (included in Exhibit 5.1).
- 23.2 Consent of Deloitte & Touche LLP, independent registered public accounting firm.

Exhibit	
Number	Description
24.1	Powers of Attorney (incorporated by reference to the signature page hereto).

\* To be filed by amendment or incorporated by reference in connection with the offering of the securities.

#### Item 17. Undertakings

- (a) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes:
  - (1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this registration statement:
    - (i) To include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act of 1933;
    - (ii) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the registration statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in the registration statement; and
    - (iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the registration statement or any material change to such information in the registration statement;

provided, however, that paragraphs (a)(1)(i), (a)(1)(ii), and (a)(1)(iii) above do not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in reports filed with or furnished to the Commission by the registrant pursuant to section 13 or section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 that are incorporated by reference in the registration statement, or is contained in a form of prospectus filed pursuant to Rule 424(b) that is a part of the registration statement.

- (2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.
- (3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.
  - (4) That, for the purpose of determining liability under the Securities Act of 1933 to any purchaser:
    - (A) Each prospectus filed by the registrant pursuant to Rule 424(b)(3) shall be deemed to be part of the registration statement as of the date the filed prospectus was deemed part of and included in the registration statement; and
    - (B) Each prospectus required to be filed pursuant to Rule 424(b)(2), (b)(5), or (b)(7) as part of a registration statement in reliance on Rule 430B relating to an offering made pursuant to Rule 415(a)(1)(i), (vii), or (x) for the purpose of providing the information required by section 10(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 shall be deemed to be part of and included in the registration statement as of the earlier of the date such form of prospectus is first used after effectiveness or the date of the first contract of sale of securities in the offering described in the prospectus. As provided in Rule 430B, for liability purposes of the issuer and any person that is at that date an underwriter, such date shall be deemed to be a new effective date of the registration statement relating to the securities in the registration statement to which that prospectus relates, and the offering of such securities at that time

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shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof. *Provided*, *however*, that no statement made in a registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement or made in a document incorporated or deemed incorporated by reference into the registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement will, as to a purchaser with a time of contract of sale prior to such effective date, supersede or modify any statement that was made in the registration statement or prospectus that was part of the registration statement or made in any such document immediately prior to such effective date.

(5) That, for the purpose of determining liability of the registrant under the Securities Act of 1933 to any purchaser in the initial distribution of the securities:

The undersigned registrant undertakes that in a primary offering of securities of the undersigned registrant pursuant to this registration statement, regardless of the underwriting method used to sell the securities to the purchaser, if the securities are offered or sold to such purchaser by means of any of the following communications, the undersigned registrant will be a seller to the purchaser and will be considered to offer or sell such securities to such purchaser:

- (i) Any preliminary prospectus or prospectus of the undersigned registrant relating to the offering required to be filed pursuant to Rule 424;
- (ii) Any free writing prospectus relating to the offering prepared by or on behalf of the undersigned registrant or used or referred to by the undersigned registrant;
- (iii) The portion of any other free writing prospectus relating to the offering containing material information about the undersigned registrant or its securities provided by or on behalf of the undersigned registrant; and
  - (iv) Any other communications that is an offer in the offering made by the undersigned registrant to the purchaser.
- (b) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each filing of the registrant's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) that is incorporated by reference in the registration statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial *bona fide* offering thereof.
- (h) Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933 may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Securities and Exchange Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

#### **SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Midland, Texas, on the 10th day of May 2018.

ProPetro Holding Corp.

By:	/s/ DALE REDMAN
	Dale Redman

Chief Executive Officer

TITLE

#### POWER OF ATTORNEY

Each person whose signature appears below constitutes and appoints Jeffrey Smith and Dale Redman, and each of them, with full power to act without the other, as attorneys in fact and agents, with full power of substitution and resubstitution, for him or her and in his or her name, place and stead, in any and all capacities, to file and sign any and all amendments (including post-effective amendments) to this registration statement, and to file the same, with all exhibits thereto, and all other documents in connection therewith, with the Commission, granting unto each said attorney in fact and agent full power and authority to do and perform each and every act in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorneys in fact and agents or either of them or their or his substitute or substitutes may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, this registration statement has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant in the capacities indicated and on May 10, 2018.

SIGNATURE

	<del></del>		
/s/ DALE REDMAN	Chief Executive Officer and Director (Principal		
Dale Redman	Executive Officer)		
/s/ JEFFREY SMITH	Chief Eineneiel Officer (Dringing) Eineneiel Officer)		
Jeffrey Smith	- Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer)		
/s/ IAN DENHOLM	Chief Accounting Officer (Principal Accounting		
Ian Denholm	Officer)		
/s/ SPENCER D. ARMOUR III	Director		
Spencer D. Armour III	Director		
/s/ STEVEN BEAL	Director		
Steven Beal	Director		

SIGNATURE

/s/ SCHUYLER E. COPPEDGE	<ul><li>Director</li></ul>
Schuyler E. Coppedge	- Director
/s/ ALAN E. DOUGLAS	<ul><li>Director</li></ul>
Alan E. Douglas	- Director
/s/ PETER LABBAT	<ul><li>Director</li></ul>
Peter Labbat	- Director
/s/ JACK B. MOORE	<ul><li>Director</li></ul>
Jack B. Moore	- Director
/s/ ANTHONY BEST	<ul><li>Director</li></ul>
Anthony Best	- Director
/s/ PRYOR BLACKWELL	<ul><li>Director</li></ul>
Pryor Blackwell	- Director

TITLE

#### Exhibit 5.1

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May 10, 2018

ProPetro Holding Corp. 1706 S. Midkiff, Bldg. B Midland, Texas 79701

Re: Registration Statement on Form S-3

#### Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have acted as special counsel to ProPetro Holding Corp., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), in connection with its filing on the date hereof with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") of a registration statement on Form S-3 (as amended, the "Registration Statement"), including a base prospectus (the "Base Prospectus"), which provides that it will be supplemented by one or more prospectus supplements (each such prospectus supplement, together with the Base Prospectus, a "Prospectus"), under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Act"), relating to the registration for issue and sale by the Company from time to time of an indeterminate amount of (i) shares of the Company's common stock, \$0.001 par value per share ("Common Stock") and (ii) shares of one or more series of the Company's preferred stock, \$0.001 par value per share ("Preferred Stock"). The Common Stock and Preferred Stock are referred to herein collectively as the "Securities."

This opinion is being furnished in connection with the requirements of Item 601(b)(5) of Regulation S-K under the Act, and no opinion is expressed herein as to any matter pertaining to the contents of the Registration Statement or related applicable Prospectus, other than as expressly stated herein with respect to the issue of the Securities.

As such counsel, we have examined such matters of fact and questions of law as we have considered appropriate for purposes of this letter. With your consent, we have relied upon certificates and other assurances of officers of the Company and others as to factual matters without having independently verified such factual matters. We are opining herein as to the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware, and we express no opinion with respect to the applicability thereto, or the effect thereon, of the laws of any other jurisdiction or, in the case of Delaware, any other laws, or as to any matters of municipal law or the laws of any local agencies within any state.

## LATHAM & WATKINS LLP

Subject to the foregoing and the other matters set forth herein, it is our opinion that, as of the date hereof:

- 1. When an issuance of Common Stock has been duly authorized by all necessary corporate action of the Company, upon issuance, delivery and payment therefor in an amount not less than the par value thereof in the manner contemplated by the applicable Prospectus and by such corporate action, and in total amounts and numbers of shares that do not exceed the respective total amounts and numbers of shares (a) available under the certificate of incorporation, and (b) authorized by the board of directors in connection with the offering contemplated by the applicable Prospectus, such shares of Common Stock will be validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable. In rendering the foregoing opinion, we have assumed that the Company will comply with all applicable notice requirements regarding uncertificated shares provided in the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware.
- 2. When a series of Preferred Stock has been duly established in accordance with the terms of the Company's certificate of incorporation and authorized by all necessary corporate action of the Company, upon issuance, delivery and payment therefor in an amount not less than the par value thereof in the manner contemplated by the applicable Prospectus and by such corporate action, and in total amounts and numbers of shares that do not exceed the respective total amounts and numbers of shares (a) available under the certificate of incorporation, and (b) authorized by the board of directors in connection with the offering contemplated by the applicable Prospectus, such shares of such series of Preferred Stock will be validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable. In rendering the foregoing opinion, we have assumed that the Company will comply with all applicable notice requirements regarding uncertificated shares provided in the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware.

Our opinions are subject to: (i) the effect of bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, preference, fraudulent transfer, moratorium or other similar laws relating to or affecting the rights and remedies of creditors; (ii) the effect of general principles of equity, whether considered in a proceeding in equity or at law (including the possible unavailability of specific performance or injunctive relief), concepts of materiality, reasonableness, good faith and fair dealing, and the discretion of the court before which a proceeding is brought; (iii) the invalidity under certain circumstances under law or court decisions of provisions providing for the indemnification of or contribution to a party with respect to a liability where such indemnification or contribution is contrary to public policy; and (iv) we express no opinion as to (a) any provision for liquidated damages, default interest, late charges, monetary penalties, make-whole premiums or other economic remedies to the extent such provisions are deemed to constitute a penalty, (b) consents to, or restrictions upon, governing law, jurisdiction, venue, arbitration, remedies, or judicial relief, (c) waivers of rights or defenses, (d) any provision requiring the payment of attorneys' fees, where such payment is contrary to law or public policy, (e) any provision permitting, upon acceleration of any Debt Securities, collection of that portion of the stated principal amount thereof which might be determined to constitute unearned interest thereon, (f) the creation, validity, attachment, perfection, or priority of any lien or security interest, (g) advance waivers of claims, defenses, rights granted by law, or notice, opportunity for hearing, evidentiary requirements, statutes of limitation, trial by jury or at law, or other procedural rights, (h) waivers of broadly or vaguely stated rights, (i) provisions for exclusivity, election or cumulation of rights or remedies, (j) provisions authorizing or validating conclusive or discretionary determinations, (k) grants of setoff rights, (l) proxies, powers and trusts, (m) provisions prohibiting, restricting, or requiring consent to assignment or transfer of any right or property, (n) any provision to the extent it requires that a claim with respect to a security denominated in other than U.S. dollars (or a judgment in respect of such a claim) be converted into U.S. dollars at a rate of exchange at a particular date, to the extent applicable law otherwise provides, and (o) the severability, if invalid, of provisions to the foregoing effect.

## LATHAM & WATKINS LLP

This opinion is for your benefit in connection with the Registration Statement and may be relied upon by you and by persons entitled to rely upon it pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Act. We consent to your filing this opinion as an exhibit to the Registration Statement and to the reference to our firm contained in the Prospectus under the heading "Legal Matters." We further consent to the incorporation by reference of this letter and consent into any registration statement or post-effective amendment to the Registration Statement filed pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Act with respect to the Securities. In giving such consent, we do not thereby admit that we are in the category of persons whose consent is required under Section 7 of the Act or the rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Latham & Watkins LLP

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Exhibit 5.1

## RATIO OF EARNINGS TO FIXED CHARGES AND PREFERRED STOCK DIVIDENDS (In thousands, except Ratio Data)

	Three Months	Year Ended		
	Ended March 31, 2018	December 31, 2017	December 31, 2016	December 31, 2015
Earnings:				
Income (loss) from Continuing Operations				
before Taxes	47,061	15,741	(81,119)	(71,241)
Add: Interest Expense	1,261	7,347	20,387	21,641
Add: Lease Interest Estimated based on 1/3 of				
Lease Rent	125	463	451	454
Less: Capitalized Interest	_	_	_	_
Total Earnings	48,447	23,551	(60,281)	(49,146)
Fixed Charges:				
Interest Expense	1,261	7,347	20,387	21,641
Lease Interest Estimated based on 1/3 of				
Lease Rent	125	463	451	454
Total Fixed Charges	1,386	7,810	20,838	22,095
Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges	35.0	3.0	<u>—</u> (1)	<u>—</u> (2)
Preferred Stock Dividend Requirements	_		_	_
Total Fixed Charges Plus Total Preferred				
Stock Dividends	1,386	7,810	20,838	22,095
Ratio of Earnings to Combined Fixed Charges				
and Preferred Stock Dividends	35.0	3.0	—(1)	—(2)

<sup>(1)</sup> Earnings were inadequate to cover fixed charges by \$81.1 million for the year ended December 31, 2016.

<sup>(2)</sup> Earnings were inadequate to cover fixed charges by \$71.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2015.

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Exhibit 12.1

RATIO OF EARNINGS TO FIXED CHARGES AND PREFERRED STOCK DIVIDENDS (In thousands, except Ratio Data)

Exhibit 23.2

#### CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

We consent to the incorporation by reference in this Registration Statement on Form S-3 of our report dated March 27, 2018, relating to the consolidated financial statements of ProPetro Holding Corp. and Subsidiary, appearing in the Annual Report on Form 10-K of ProPetro Holding Corp. for the year ended December 31, 2017, and to the reference to us under the heading "Experts" in the Prospectus, which is part of this Registration Statement.

/s/ DELOITTE & TOUCHE LLP

Houston, Texas

May 10, 2018

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Exhibit 23.2

CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM