

Harrington James D.
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Harrington James D.

(Last) (First) (Middle)
500 NORTH FIELD DRIVE
(Street)

LAKE FOREST, IL 60045

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
TENNECO INC [TEN]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
01/15/2010

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Sr. VP, Gen. Csl and Corp. Sec

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V Amount (A) or (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 01/15/2010 | | J ⁽¹⁾ | 284 A \$ 0 | 722 | D | |
| Common Stock | 01/15/2010 | | F ⁽²⁾ | 102 D \$ 19.48 | 620 | D | |
| Common Stock | 01/15/2010 | | J ⁽¹⁾ | 284 D \$ 0 | 7,528 ⁽³⁾ | D | |
| Common Stock | 01/15/2010 | | A ⁽⁴⁾ | 7,537 A \$ 0 | 15,065 ⁽³⁾ | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 10,329 ⁽⁵⁾ | I | By 401(k) |

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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable Expiration Date | Title Amount or Number of Shares |
| Employee Stock Options (Right to Acquire) | \$ 19.48 | 01/15/2010 | | A ⁽⁶⁾ | 11,769 | ⁽⁶⁾ 01/14/2017 | Common Stock 11,769 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships |
|---|--|
| Harrington James D. 500 NORTH FIELD DRIVE LAKE FOREST, IL 60045 | Director 10% Owner Officer Sr. VP, Gen. Csl and Corp. Sec |

Signatures

James D.
Harrington 01/20/2010
 __Signature of Date
 Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Reflects vesting of restricted stock, which is now being reported as non-restricted stock.
- (2) Reflects disposition of shares to the Issuer in the form of share withholding to satisfy tax obligations in connection with the vesting of restricted stock.
- (3) Reflects restricted stock granted to the Reporting Person pursuant to Rule 16b-3.
- (4)

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Reflects restricted stock granted to the Reporting Person pursuant to Rule 16b-3, one third of which vest on each of the first three anniversaries of the grant date.

- (5) Reflects shares allocated to, and indirectly held by, the Reporting Person under the Issuer's 401(k) Plan.
- (6) Reflects stock options granted to the Reporting Person pursuant to Rule 16b-3, one third of which vest on each of the first three anniversaries of the grant date.

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