

PETTINGILL RICHARD
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
PETTINGILL RICHARD

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
**TENET HEALTHCARE CORP
 [THC]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
1445 ROSS AVENUE, SUITE 1400
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
05/06/2010

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

DALLAS, TX 75202
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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)
				(A) or (D)	Amount	Price	
Common Stock					50,869		D

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)

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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)	8. Price or Value of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
2010 May Director Stock Units ⁽¹⁾	<u>(2)</u>	05/06/2010		A	23,297	<u>(3)</u> <u>(3)</u>	Common Stock	23,297

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
PETTINGILL RICHARD 1445 ROSS AVENUE SUITE 1400 DALLAS, TX 75202	X			

Signatures

/s/ Kristina A. Mack, Attorney-in-fact for Richard R. Pettingill 05/10/2010

*Signature of Reporting Person Date

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) These Stock Units were awarded under the Company's Stock Incentive Plan.
- (2) Each Stock Unit is the economic equivalent of one share of the Company's common stock.
- (3) These Stock Units vested immediately on the grant date. The Stock Units will be settled on the third anniversary of the date of grant or termination of service (unless settlement has been deferred). The Stock Units may be settled in cash, stock or a combination of cash and stock.

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