

Ruff Gary K.
Form 4
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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 *
Ruff Gary K.

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)
11/15/2012

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
SVP and General Counsel

DALLAS, TX 75202

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount or Price | | |
| Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ | 11/15/2012 | | M | | 100,000 A \$ 4.56 | 195,590 | D |
| Common Stock | 11/15/2012 | | S | | 100,000 ⁽²⁾ D \$ 25.131 ⁽³⁾ | 95,590 | 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)

| 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 |
| 2009 Options (Right to Buy) ⁽¹⁾ | \$ 4.56 | 11/15/2012 | | M | 100,000 | ⁽⁴⁾ | 02/26/2019 | Common Stock | 100,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Ruff Gary K. 1445 ROSS AVENUE SUITE 1400 DALLAS, TX 75202 | | | SVP and General Counsel | |

Signatures

/s/ Jeffrey S. McFall, Attorney in Fact for Gary K. Ruff
 11/16/2012
 **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) All historical share and stock option exercise price data in this Form 4 have been restated to reflect a one-for-four reverse stock split effective as of October 11, 2012.
- (2) The shares were sold in open market broker transactions. The reporting person continues to meet the Company's stock ownership guidelines.
 The price is the weighted average sale price of the aggregate number of shares that were sold by the reporting person. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$24.86 to \$25.41. The reporting person undertakes to provide to the issuer, any security holder of the issuer or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.
- (3)
- (4) As previously reported, the options were granted on February 26, 2009 and vested ratably on each of the first, second and third anniversaries of the date of grant.

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