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*** Exercise Your *Right* to Vote *** IMPORTANT NOTICE Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the Shareholder Meeting to Be Held on May 12, 2010 TENNECO INC.

TENNECO INC. 500 N. FIELD DRIVE LAKE FOREST, IL 60045 ATN: JIM HARRINGTON 0000057258_1 R2.09.05.010

Meeting Information

Meeting Type: Annual Meeting For holders as of: March 15, 2010

Date: May 12, 2010 **Time:** 10:00 AM CDT

Location: Tenneco Headquarters

500 North Field Drive Lake Forest, Illinois 60045

You are receiving this communication because you hold shares in the above named company.

This is not a ballot. You cannot use this notice to vote these shares. This communication presents only an overview of the more complete proxy materials that are available to you on the Internet. You may view the proxy materials online at www.proxyvote.com or easily request a paper copy (see reverse side).

We encourage you to access and review all of the important information contained in the proxy materials before voting.

See the reverse side of this notice to obtain proxy materials and voting instructions.

Before You Vote

How to Access the Proxy Materials

Proxy Materials Available to VIEW or RECEIVE:

1. Notice & Proxy Statement 2. Form 10-K

How to View Online:

Have the 12-Digit Control Number available (located on the following page) and visit: www.proxyvote.com.

How to Request and Receive a PAPER or E-MAIL Copy:

If you want to receive a paper or e-mail copy of these documents, you must request one. There is NO charge for requesting a copy. Please choose one of the following methods to make your request:

1) *BY INTERNET*: www.proxyvote.com 2) *BY TELEPHONE*: 1-800-579-1639

3) BY E-MAIL*: sendmaterial@proxyvote.com

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How To Vote

Please Choose One of the Following Voting Methods

Vote In Person: Many shareholder meetings have attendance requirements including, but not limited to, the possession of an attendance ticket issued by the entity holding the meeting. Please check the meeting materials for any special requirements for meeting attendance. At the meeting you will need to request a ballot to vote these shares.

Vote By Internet: To vote now by Internet, go to *www.proxyvote.com*. Have the 12-Digit Control Number available and follow the instructions.

Vote By Mail: You can vote by mail by requesting a paper copy of the materials, which will include a proxy card.

Voting items

The Board of Directors recommends you vote FOR the following proposal(s):

1. Election of Directors

Nominees

- 01 Charles W. Cramb
- 02 Dennis J. Letham
- 03 Frank E. Macher
- 04 Hari N. Nair
- 05 Roger B. Porter
- 06 David B. Price, Jr.
- 07 Gregg M. Sherrill
- 08 Paul T. Stecko
- 09 Mitsunobu Takeuchi
- 10 Jane L. Warner

The Board of Directors recommends you vote FOR the following proposal(s):

2. Approve appointment of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as independent public accountants for 2010.

NOTE: In the discretion of the Proxies named herein, the Proxies are authorized to vote upon such other matters as may properly come before the meeting (or any adjournment or postponement thereof).

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