

Ruff Gary K.
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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)
13737 NOEL ROAD
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
03/06/2009

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

DALLAS, TX 75240
(City) (State) (Zip)

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

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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) | Price | | |
| Common Stock | 03/06/2009 | | M | V | 5,033 \$ 0.92 | A | 36,241 D |
| Common Stock | 03/06/2009 | | F | | 994 \$ 0.92 | D | 35,247 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 |
| 2008 March Restricted Units | <u>(1)</u> | 03/06/2009 | | M | | 5,033 | | <u>(1)</u> | <u>(1)</u> | Common Stock | 5,033 |
| 1999 July Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 11.13 | | | | | | | <u>(2)</u> | 07/28/2009 | Common Stock | 6,000 |
| 2004 March Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 12.01 | | | | | | | <u>(3)</u> | 03/03/2014 | Common Stock | 13,333 |
| 2005 February Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 10.52 | | | | | | | <u>(3)</u> | 02/16/2015 | Common Stock | 14,167 |
| 2006 February Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 7.93 | | | | | | | <u>(3)</u> | 02/22/2016 | Common Stock | 8,571 |
| 2007 March Restricted Units | \$ 0 <u>(1)</u> | | | | | | | <u>(1)</u> | <u>(1)</u> | Common Stock | 3,334 |
| 2008 July Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 5.67 | | | | | | | <u>(3)</u> | 07/28/2018 | Common Stock | 40,000 |
| 2009 February Option | \$ 1.14 | | | | | | | <u>(3)</u> | 02/26/2019 | Common Stock | 400,000 |

(Right to
Buy)

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Ruff Gary K. 13737 NOEL ROAD DALLAS, TX 75240 | | | SVP and General Counsel | |

Signatures

/s/ Ruff, Gary K. 03/10/2009

**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 restricted units vest ratably on each of the first, second and third anniversaries of the date of grant. Restricted Units are settled in shares of the Company's common stock upon vesting.
- (2) These derivative securities (stock options) vested ratably on each of the first, second, and third anniversaries of the date of grant.
- (3) These derivative securities (stock options) vest ratably on each of the first, second and third anniversaries of the date of grant.

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