

Novas Paul 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 *
 Novas Paul D

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 10/02/2009

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

VP and Controller

(Street)
 LAKE FOREST, IL 60045

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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	10/02/2009		M		10,000 A \$ 3.66	63,813	D
Common Stock	10/02/2009		F		3,123 D \$ 11.72	60,690	D
Common Stock	10/02/2009		M		15,000 A \$ 3.77	75,690	D
Common Stock	10/02/2009		F		4,825 D \$ 11.72	70,865	D
Common Stock						9,237 ⁽¹⁾	D

Common Stock 3,856 ⁽²⁾ I By 401(K)

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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 3.66	10/02/2009		M	10,000	⁽³⁾ 01/08/2011	01/08/2011	Common Stock	10,000
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 11.72	10/02/2009		A	3,123	04/02/2010	01/08/2011	Common Stock	3,123
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 3.77	10/02/2009		M	15,000	⁽³⁾ 01/20/2013	01/20/2013	Common Stock	15,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Novas Paul D 500 NORTH FIELD DRIVE LAKE FOREST, IL 60045			VP and Controller	

Signatures

/s/James D. Harrington, Attorney-in-fact for Paul D.
Novas

10/06/2009

__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) Reflects restricted stock granted pursuant to Rule 16b-3.
- (2) Reflects shares allocated to, and indirectly held by, the Reporting Person under the Issuer's 401(k) Plan.
- (3) The Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy) have vested.

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