

Ruff Gary K.
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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)
02/25/2010

____ 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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Amount Price			
Common Stock					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)

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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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
2010 February Option (Right to Buy) ⁽¹⁾	\$ 5.03	02/25/2010		A	21,336	<u>(2)</u>	02/25/2020	Common Stock	21,336
2010 February Restricted Units ⁽¹⁾	<u>(3)</u>	02/25/2010		A	36,830	<u>(3)</u>	<u>(3)</u>	Common Stock	36,830

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/ Gary K. Ruff 02/26/2010
 **Signature of Date
 Reporting Person

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).
- (GR) On February 25, 2010, the reporting person also received a grant of 21,336 performance stock options and 36,830 performance restricted units. These grants are subject to the issuer's attainment of a specified one-year performance metric for the year ending December 31, 2010. If the performance metric is not met, the grants will be forfeited. If the performance metric is met, the grants will vest ratably over a three-year period from the grant date.
- (1) These derivative securities (stock options) vested ratably on each of the first, second, and third anniversaries of the date of grant.
 - (2) 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.

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