

TENNECO INC  
Form 4  
January 14, 2008

**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Novas Paul D

(Last) (First) (Middle)

500 NORTH FIELD DRIVE

(Street)

LAKE FOREST, IL 60045

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading  
Symbol

TENNECO INC [TEN]

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

01/11/2008

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_X\_ Officer (give title \_\_\_\_ Other (specify  
below) below)

VP and Controller

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting  
Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired<br>(A) or Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or<br>Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Common<br>Stock                       | 01/11/2008                              |                                                             | M                                    | 20,000                                                                  | A<br>\$<br>1.57                                                                                                    | 27,473                                                               | D                                       |
| Common<br>Stock                       |                                         |                                                             |                                      |                                                                         | 7,599 <sup>(1)</sup>                                                                                               | D                                                                    |                                         |
| Common<br>Stock                       |                                         |                                                             |                                      |                                                                         | 3,879 <sup>(2)</sup>                                                                                               | 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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired (A)<br>or Disposed of<br>(D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4,<br>and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |     | 7. Title and Amount of<br>Underlying Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |                    |                 |                                     |
|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|-----|---------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------|
|                                                     |                                                                    |                                         |                                                             | Code                                 | V                                                                                                            | (A)                                                            | (D) | Date<br>Exercisable                                                 | Expiration<br>Date | Title           | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of Shares |
| Employee<br>Stock<br>Options<br>(Right to<br>Buy)   | \$ 1.57                                                            | 01/11/2008                              |                                                             | M                                    |                                                                                                              | 20,000                                                         |     | <u>(3)</u>                                                          | 12/05/2011         | Common<br>Stock | 20,000                              |

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

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

01/14/2008

\_\_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.

Reflects shares allocated to, and indirectly held by, Reporting Person under the Issuer's 401(k) Plan (the "Plan Shares"). The Plan Shares reported as beneficially owned by Reporting Person on his last report may not equal the Plan Shares reported herein as being owned at the end of the period covered by this Report.

(3) These Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy) have vested.

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