

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)
02/23/2012

____ 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)

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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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price |
| Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ | 02/23/2012 | | A | | 13,587 | A | \$ 0 |
| | | | | | | | 74,753 |
| Common Stock | 02/23/2012 | | F | | 4,545 | D | \$ 5.62 |
| | | | | | | | 70,208 |
| Common Stock ⁽³⁾ | 02/23/2012 | | A | | 13,587 | A | \$ 0 |
| | | | | | | | 83,795 |
| Common Stock | 02/23/2012 | | F | | 4,545 | D | \$ 5.62 |
| | | | | | | | 79,250 |

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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 Underlying (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|---|---|-----------------------------------|--|--------|-----|---|---|
| | | | | | V | (A) | (D) | | |
| 2011 February Performance-Based Restricted Units | (1) | 02/23/2012 | | A | | 27,174 | (1) | (1) | Common Stock |
| 2011 February Restricted Stock Units | (3) | 02/23/2012 | | D | | 13,587 | (3) | (3) | Common Stock |

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/ Paul A. Castanon, Attorney-in-Fact for Gary K. Ruff

02/27/2012

__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) (GR1) As previously reported, on February 23, 2011, the reporting person received a grant of 40,761 performance restricted units that were subject to the issuer's attainment of a specified one-year performance metric for the year then-ending December 31, 2011. The performance metric was met; therefore, these restricted units vest ratably on each of the first, second and third anniversaries of the date of grant. The first anniversary of this grant occurred on February 23, 2012, resulting in the vesting and settlement of 13,587 shares of common stock, as shown in Table I. The remaining 27,174 performance restricted units, which are scheduled to vest in equal amounts on February 23, 2013 and 2014, are shown in Table II. Restricted units are settled in shares of the issuer's common stock upon vesting.

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- (2) Shares withheld for payment of taxes upon vesting of restricted units in accordance with Rule 16b-3.

(GR3) As previously reported, on February 23, 2011, the reporting person received a grant of 40,761 restricted units that vest ratably on each of the first, second and third anniversaries of the date of grant. The first anniversary of this grant occurred on February 23, 2012,

- (3) resulting in the vesting and settlement of 13,587 shares of common stock as shown in Table I and Table II. The remaining 27,174 restricted units, as shown in Table II, are scheduled to vest in equal amounts on February 23, 2013 and 2014. Restricted units are settled in shares of the issuer's common stock upon vesting.

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