

FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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(Print or Type Responses)

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* Ruff, Gary K. (Last) (First) (Middle) 13737 Noel Road (Street) Dallas, TX 75240 (City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Tenet Healthcare Corporation THC | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) SVP and General Counsel <hr/> 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |
| 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Required to be Reported (Month/Day/Year) 02/26/2009 | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | |

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 | (A) or (D) | Price | | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 28,964 | D | |
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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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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) | | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | 10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---|--|---|---|-----------------------------------|---|--|-----|---|-----------------|--|----------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | |
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| 2009 February Option (Right to Buy) | \$1.14 | 02/26/2009 | | A | | 400,000 | | (1) | 02/26/2019 | Common Stock | 400,000 | | 400,000 | D | |
| 1999 July Option (Right to Buy) | \$11.13 | | | | | | | (2) | 07/28/2009 | Common Stock | 6,000 | | 6,000 | D | |
| 2004 March Option (Right to Buy) | \$12.01 | | | | | | | (1) | 03/03/2014 | Common Stock | 13,333 | | 13,333 | D | |
| 2005 February Option (Right to Buy) | \$10.52 | | | | | | | (1) | 02/16/2015 | Common Stock | 14,167 | | 14,167 | D | |
| 2006 February Option (Right to Buy) | \$7.93 | | | | | | | (1) | 02/22/2016 | Common Stock | 8,571 | | 8,571 | D | |
| 2007 March Restricted Units | \$0.00 (3) | | | | | | | (3) | (3) | Common Stock | 6,667 | | 6,667 | D | |
| 2008 July Option (Right to Buy) | \$5.67 | | | | | | | (1) | 07/28/2018 | Common Stock | 40,000 | | 40,000 | D | |
| 2008 March Restricted Units | \$0.00 (3) | | | | | | | (3) | (3) | Common Stock | 15,100 | | 15,100 | D | |
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Explanation of Responses:

See attached statement

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See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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** Signature of Reporting Person
Gary K. Ruff

02/27/2009

Date

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Explanation of responses:

- (1) These derivative securities (stock options) vest ratably on each of the first, second and third anniversaries of the date of grant.
- (2) These derivative securities (stock options) vested ratably on each of the first, second, and third anniversaries of the date of grant.
- (3) 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.