

# FORM 4

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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subject to Section 16. Form 4 or  
Form 5 obligations may continue.  
See Instruction 1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

<b>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*</b> <b>Ruff, Gary K.</b>  (Last) (First) (Middle) <b>13737 Noel Road</b>  (Street) <b>Dallas, TX 75240</b>  (City) (State) (Zip)	<b>2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</b> <b>Tenet Healthcare Corporation THC</b>  <b>3. Date of Earliest Transaction Required to be Reported (Month/Day/Year)</b>  <b>03/01/2009</b>	<b>4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)</b>  _____  <b>5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer</b> (Check all applicable) _____ Director _____ 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give _____ Other (specify title below) _____ below)  <b>SVP and General Counsel</b>  <hr/> <b>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing</b> (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person _____ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
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**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	03/01/2009		M		3,333	A	\$1.11	32,297	D	
Common Stock	03/01/2009		F		1,089	D	\$1.11	31,208	D	

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				
2007 March Restricted Units	(1)	03/01/2009		M		3,333		(1)	(1)	Common Stock	3,333	\$1.11	3,334	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							(3)	03/03/2014	Common Stock	13,333		13,333	D	
2005 February Option (Right to Buy)	\$10.52							(3)	02/16/2015	Common Stock	14,167		14,167	D	
2006 February Option (Right to Buy)	\$7.93							(3)	02/22/2016	Common Stock	8,571		8,571	D	
2008 July Option (Right to Buy)	\$5.67							(3)	07/28/2018	Common Stock	40,000		40,000	D	
2008 March Restricted Units	\$0.00 (1)							(1)	(1)	Common Stock	15,100		15,100	D	
2009 February Option (Right to Buy)	\$1.14							(3)	02/26/2019	Common Stock	400,000		400,000	D	

Explanation of Responses:

**See attached statement**

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations.  
See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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\*\* Signature of Reporting Person  
**Gary K. Ruff**

Date

03/03/2009

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**Explanation of responses:**

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