

# FORM 4

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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See Instruction 1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*<br><b>Pettingill, Richard R.</b><br><br>(Last) (First) (Middle)<br><b>13737 Noel Road</b><br><br>(Street)<br><b>Dallas, TX 75240</b><br><br>(City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol<br><b>Tenet Healthcare Corporation THC</b> | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer<br>(Check all applicable)<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner<br><input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) |
| 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Required to be Reported (Month/Day/Year)<br><br><b>05/07/2009</b>   | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)                                  | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person<br><input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person  |

**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                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   |            |       | 50,869  | D  |   |
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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<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code<br>(Instr. 8) |   | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4, and 5) |     | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |                 | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |                            | 8. Price of Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 4) | 10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---|--|---|---|-----------------------------------|---|--|-----|---|-----------------|--|----------------------------|---|---|---|---|
|   |  |   |   | Code                              | V | (A)  | (D) | Date Exercisable  | Expiration Date | Title  | Amount or Number of Shares |   |   |   |   |
|   |  |   |   |                                   |   |  |     |   |                 |  |                            |   |   |   |   |
| 2009 May Director Stock Units (1)             | (2)  | 05/07/2009                              |   | A                                 |   | 58,036   |     | (2)   | (2)             | Common Stock   | 58,036                     |   | 58,036  | D   |   |
| 2004 March Director Option (Right to Buy)     | \$10.42  |   |   |                                   |   |  |     | 03/25/2004  | 03/25/2014      | Common Stock   | 49,904                     |   | 49,904  | D   |   |
| 2004 October Director Stock Units (1)         | \$0.00<br>(3)  |   |   |                                   |   |  |     | (3)   | (3)             | Common Stock   | 12,195                     |   | 12,195  | D   |   |
| 2005 May Director Stock Units (1)             | \$0.00<br>(3)  |   |   |                                   |   |  |     | (3)   | (3)             | Common Stock   | 10,833                     |   | 10,833  | D   |   |
| 2006 May Director Stock Units (1)             | \$0.00<br>(3)  |   |   |                                   |   |  |     | (3)   | (3)             | Common Stock   | 17,264                     |   | 17,264  | D   |   |
| 2007 May Director Stock Units (1)             | \$0.00<br>(4)  |   |   |                                   |   |  |     | (4)   | (4)             | Common Stock   | 18,651                     |   | 18,651  | D   |   |
| 2008 May Director Stock Units (1)             | \$0.00<br>(2)  |   |   |                                   |   |  |     | (2)   | (2)             | Common Stock   | 22,807                     |   | 22,807  | D   |   |
| Stock Units (5)                               | \$0.00<br>(6)  |   |   |                                   |   |  |     | (6)   | (6)             | Common Stock   | 13,254                     |   | 13,254  | D   |   |
|   |  |   |   |                                   |   |  |     |   |                 |  |                            |   |   |   |   |

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  
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Richard R. Pettingill

05/11/2009

Date

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**Explanation of responses:**

- (1) These Stock Units were awarded under the Company's Stock Incentive Plan.
- (2) These Stock Units vested immediately on the grant date and will be settled in shares of the Company's common stock on the third anniversary of the date of the grant or termination of service, unless settlement has been deferred or under other circumstances described in the reporting person's award agreement.
- (3) These Stock Units vest ratably on each of the first, second and third anniversaries of the date of grant or become fully vested upon termination of service, whichever occurs first, and are settled in shares of the Company's common stock only upon termination of service.
- (4) These Stock Units vest ratably on each of the first, second and third anniversaries of the date of grant or become fully vested upon termination of service, whichever occurs first, and are settled in shares of the Company's common stock on the date they become fully vested, unless settlement has been deferred in accordance with the Company's Stock Incentive Plan.
- (5) These Stock Units were accrued under the Company's Deferred Compensation Plans.
- (6) These Stock Units are settled in shares of the Company's common stock in accordance with the Company's Deferred Compensation Plans. The conversion rate is one share of common stock for each Stock Unit.