

FORM 4

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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*			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol		5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)	
PETTINGILL	RICHARD	R.	TENET HEALTHCARE CORPORATION THC		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)			
1445 ROSS AVENUE SUITE 1400			12/31/2009			
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check applicable)	
DALLAS TX 75202					<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	
(City) (State) (Zip)			Table I -- Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned			

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Trans- action Date (Month/ Day/ Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/ Day/ Year)	3. Trans- action 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. Owner- ship Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Owner- ship (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock								50869	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 Instructions 4(b)(v).

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Table II -- Derivative Securities 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				
Stock Units (1)	(2)	12/31/2009		A		2481		(2)	(2)	Common Stock	2481	\$5.39	22398	D	
2004 March Director Option (Right to Buy)	\$10.42							03/25/2004	03/25/2014	Common Stock	49904		49904	D	
2004 October Director Stock Units (3)	\$0.00 (4)							(4)	(4)	Common Stock	12195		12195	D	
2005 May Director Stock Units (3)	\$0.00 (4)							(4)	(4)	Common Stock	10833		10833	D	
2006 May Director Stock Units (3)	\$0.00 (4)							(4)	(4)	Common Stock	17264		17264	D	
2007 May Director Stock Units (3)	\$0.00 (5)							(5)	(5)	Common Stock	18651		18651	D	
2008 May Director Stock Units (3)	\$0.00 (6)							(6)	(6)	Common Stock	22807		22807	D	
2009 May Director Stock Units (3)	\$0.00 (6)							(6)	(6)	Common Stock	58036		58036	D	

Explanation of Responses: See attached footnote page.

** 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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/s/ Kristina A. Mack,
Attorney-in-fact for Richard R.
Pettingill

01/05/2010

Date

** Signature of Reporting Person

FOOTNOTES

- 1 These Stock Units were accrued under the Company's Deferred Compensation Plans.
- 2 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.
- 3 These Stock Units were awarded under the Company's Stock Incentive Plan.
- 4 These Stock Units vested ratably on each of the first, second and third anniversaries of the date of grant and will be settled in shares of the Company's common stock only upon termination of service.
- 5 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 will be 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.
- 6 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.