

Sherrill Gregg M  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
Sherrill Gregg M

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
TENNECO INC [TEN]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
500 NORTH FIELD DRIVE  
  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
01/15/2010

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
Chairman & CEO

LAKE FOREST, IL 60045

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	01/15/2010		J <sup>(1)</sup>	81,667 A \$ 0	196,729	D	
Common Stock	01/15/2010		F <sup>(2)</sup>	24,210 D \$ 19.48	172,519	D	
Common Stock	01/15/2010		J <sup>(1)</sup>	81,667 D \$ 0	131,926 <sup>(3)</sup>	D	
Common Stock	01/15/2010		A <sup>(4)</sup>	51,666 A \$ 0	183,592 <sup>(3)</sup>	D	

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 Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	
Employee Stock Options (Right to Acquire)	\$ 19.48	01/15/2010		A <sup>(5)</sup>	80,672	<sup>(5)</sup> 01/14/2017	Common Stock	80,672	

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Sherrill Gregg M 500 NORTH FIELD DRIVE LAKE FOREST, IL 60045	X		Chairman & CEO	

## Signatures

/s/James D. Harrington, Attorney-in-fact for Gregg Sherrill

01/20/2010

\*\*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) Reflects vesting of restricted stock, which is now being reported as non-restricted stock.
- (2) Reflects disposition of shares to the Issuer in form of share withholding to satisfy tax obligation in connection with the vesting of restricted stock.
- (3) Reflects restricted stock granted to the Reporting Person pursuant to Rule 16b-3.
- (4) Reflects restricted stock granted to the Reporting Person pursuant to Rule 16b-3, one third of which vest on each of the first three anniversaries of the grant date.

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- (5) Reflects stock options granted to the Reporting Person pursuant to Rule 16b-3, one third of which vest on each of the first three anniversaries of the grant date.

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