

Ruff Gary K.
Form 4
February 27, 2009

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Ruff Gary K.

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
TENET HEALTHCARE CORP
[THC]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
13737 NOEL ROAD
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
02/26/2009

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
__X__ Officer (give title ____ Other (specify
below) below)
SVP and General Counsel

DALLAS, TX 75240

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
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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)
				(A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock					28,964	D	

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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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)			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount Number Shares
2009 February Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 1.14	02/26/2009		A		400,000		<u>(1)</u>	02/26/2019	Common Stock	400,000
1999 July Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 11.13							<u>(2)</u>	07/28/2009	Common Stock	6,000
2004 March Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 12.01							<u>(1)</u>	03/03/2014	Common Stock	13,333
2005 February Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 10.52							<u>(1)</u>	02/16/2015	Common Stock	14,167
2006 February Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 7.93							<u>(1)</u>	02/22/2016	Common Stock	8,571
2007 March Restricted Units	\$ 0 <u>(3)</u>							<u>(3)</u>	<u>(3)</u>	Common Stock	6,667
2008 July Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 5.67							<u>(1)</u>	07/28/2018	Common Stock	40,000
2008 March Restricted Units	\$ 0 <u>(3)</u>							<u>(3)</u>	<u>(3)</u>	Common Stock	15,100

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Ruff Gary K. 13737 NOEL ROAD DALLAS, TX 75240			SVP and General Counsel	

Signatures

/s/ Ruff, Gary K. 02/27/2009

 Signature of Date
 Reporting Person

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) 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.

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