

Novas Paul D
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Novas Paul D

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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
08/11/2011

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)

500 NORTH FIELD DRIVE

VP and Controller

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

LAKE FOREST, IL 60045

(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	08/11/2011		M ⁽¹⁾	2,774 A \$ 19.48	107,674	D	
Common Stock					8,158 ⁽²⁾	D	
Common Stock					18,031 ⁽³⁾	I	By 401(K)

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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Options (Right to Acquire)	\$ 19.48	08/11/2011		M ⁽¹⁾	2,774	⁽⁴⁾ 01/14/2017	Common Stock	2,774

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Novas Paul D 500 NORTH FIELD DRIVE LAKE FOREST, IL 60045			VP and Controller	

Signatures

/s/James D. Harrington, Attorney-in-fact for Paul D.
Novas

08/15/2011

__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 exercise of stock options which were granted pursuant to Rule 16b-3.
- (2) Reflects restricted stock granted to the Reporting Person pursuant to Rule 16b-3.
- (3) Reflects shares allocated to, and indirectly held by, the Reporting Person under the Issuer's 401(k) Plan.
- (4) The stock options exercised were exercisable as of 01/15/2011. Of the remaining 5,548 stock options, 2,774 will be exercisable on 01/15/2012 and 2,774 will be exercisable on 01/15/2013.
- (5) Reflects stock options granted pursuant to Rule 16b-3.

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