

Charlton Michael John
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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 *
 Charlton Michael John

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

LAKE FOREST, IL 60045

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 01/19/2012

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	01/19/2012		J ⁽¹⁾	1,366 A	\$ 0 5,742	D	
Common Stock	01/19/2012		F ⁽²⁾	888 D	\$ 29.95 4,854	D	
Common Stock	01/19/2012		J ⁽¹⁾	1,366 D	\$ 0 11,955 ⁽³⁾	D	
Common Stock	01/22/2012		J ⁽¹⁾	1,242 A	\$ 0 6,096	D	
Common Stock	01/22/2012		F ⁽²⁾	808 D	\$ 29.25 5,288	D	

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Common Stock 01/22/2012 J(1) 1,242 D \$ 0 10,713 (3) 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)

Table with 9 columns: 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 (Instr. 5). Includes sub-headers for Date Exercisable and Expiration Date, and Title or Number of Shares.

Reporting Owners

Table with 2 columns: Reporting Owner Name / Address, Relationships. Relationship categories include Director, 10% Owner, Officer, Other. Example: Charlton Michael John, 500 NORTH FIELD DRIVE, LAKE FOREST, IL 60045, Senior Vice President.

Signatures

James D. Harrington, Attorney-in-fact for Michael J. Charlton 01/23/2012
**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 obligations in connection with the vesting of restricted stock.
(3) Reflects restricted stock granted to the Reporting Person pursuant to Rule 16b-3.

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