

Novas Paul D  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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

(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)  
07/25/2012

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)  
VP and Controller

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

**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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V Amount (A) or (D) Price   |   |  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 07/25/2012                           |  | M <sup>(1)</sup>               | 2,774 A \$ 19.48  | 119,201   | D  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 7,146 <sup>(2)</sup>  | D  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 18,030 <sup>(3)</sup>   | 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   | 07/25/2012                           |  | M <sup>(1)</sup>               | 2,774   | <sup>(4)</sup> 01/14/2017                                | Common Stock  | 2,774                         |

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

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

07/26/2012

\_\_\_\_\_  
\*\*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 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 01/15/2012. The remaining 2,774 will be exercisable on 01/15/2013.
- (5) Reflects stock options granted pursuant to Rule 16b-3.

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