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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Perso Ruff Gary K. | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | | | |
|--|--|---|--|--|--|
| | TENET HEALTHCARE CORP [THC] | (Check all applicable) | | | |
| (Last) (First) (Middle | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) | Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify | | | |
| 1445 ROSS AVENUE, SUITE 14 | 00 02/25/2011 | below) below) SVP and General Counsel | | | |
| (Street) | 4. If Amendment, Date Original | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check | | | |
| | Filed(Month/Day/Year) | Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person | | | |
| DALLAS, TX 75202 | | Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | |
| (City) (State) (Zip) | Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acq | quired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owne | | | |
| 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A | Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired | 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Natur | | | |

| (City) | (State) (2 | Zip) Table | e I - Non-D | erivative S | Securit | ties Acq | uired, Disposed o | f, or Beneficial | ly 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 n(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | 5. Amount of Securities Form: Direct Beneficially (D) or Owned Indirect (I) Following (Instr. 4) Reported | | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| | | | Code V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | |
| Common Stock (1) | 02/25/2011 | | A | 12,276 | A | \$0 | 53,185 | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/25/2011 | | F | 3,999 | D | \$ 7.07 (2) | 49,186 | D | |
| Common Stock (3) | 02/25/2011 | | A | 12,276 | A | \$0 | 61,462 | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/25/2011 | | F | 3,998 | D | \$ 7.07 | 57,464 | D | |

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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 tionDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | | 6. Date Exerc Expiration D (Month/Day/ | 7. Title Underly (Instr. 3 | |
|--|---|---|---|---|---|-------|--|----------------------------------|-------|
| | | | | Code V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title |
| 2010 February Performance-Based Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 5.03 (4) | 02/25/2011 | | A | 21,336 | | <u>(4)</u> | 02/25/2020 | Comr |
| 2010 February Performance-Based Restricted Units | <u>(1)</u> | 02/25/2011 | | A | 24,554 | | <u>(1)</u> | <u>(1)</u> | Comr |
| 2010 February Restricted Units | <u>(3)</u> | 02/25/2011 | | D | 1 | 2,276 | (3) | (3) | Com |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Ruff Gary K. 1445 ROSS AVENUE SUITE 1400 DALLAS, TX 75202

SVP and General Counsel

Signatures

/s/ Kristina A. Mack, Attorney-in-Fact for Gary K.

Ruff
03/01/2011

**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) (GR1) As previously reported, on February 25, 2010, the reporting person received a grant of 36,830 performance restricted units that were subject to the issuer's attainment of a specified one-year performance metric for the year then-ending December 31, 2010. The

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performance metric was met; therefore, these restricted units vest ratably on each of the first, second and third anniversaries of the date of grant. The first anniversary occurred on February 25, 2011, resulting in the vesting and settlement of 12,276 shares of common stock, as shown in Table I. The remaining 24,554 performance restricted units, which will vest in equal amounts on February 25, 2012 and 2013, are shown in Table II. Restricted units are settled in shares of the issuer's common stock upon vesting.

- (2) Shares withheld for payment of taxes upon vesting of restricted units in accordance with Rule 16b-3.
 - (GR3) As previously reported, on February 25, 2010, the reporting person received a grant of 36,830 restricted units that vest ratably on each of the first, second and third anniversaries of the date of grant. The first anniversary occurred on February 25, 2011, resulting in the
- (3) vesting and settlement of 12,276 shares of common stock as shown in Table II and Table II. The remaining 24,554 restricted units, as shown in Table II, will vest in equal amounts on February 25, 2012 and 2013. Restricted units are settled in shares of the issuer's common stock upon vesting.
 - (GR4) As previously reported, on February 25, 2010, the reporting person received a grant of 21,336 performance stock options that were subject to the issuer's attainment of a specified one-year performance metric for the year then-ending December 31, 2010. The
- (4) performance metric was met; therefore, these options vest ratably on each of the first, second and third anniversaries of the date of grant. The performance stock options were granted with an exercise price of \$5.03, the closing price of the issuer's common stock on the date of grant.

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