

Ruff Gary K.  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

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)  
1445 ROSS AVENUE, SUITE 1400  
  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
03/06/2010

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

DALLAS, TX 75202

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

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount  | (A) or (D)   | Price                             |
| Common Stock                    | 03/06/2010                           |  | M                              |   | 5,033   | A  | \$ 0                              |
| Common Stock                    | 03/06/2010                           |  | F <sup>(1)</sup>               |   | 1,616   | D  | \$ 5.51                           |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  | <u>(1)</u>                        |

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. Price or Value of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|---|
| 2008 March Restricted Units                | (2)  | 03/06/2010                           |  | M                              | 5,033   | (2) (2)  | Common Stock  | 5,033   |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                     | Relationships |           |                         |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                 | Other |
| Ruff Gary K.<br>1445 ROSS AVENUE<br>SUITE 1400<br>DALLAS, TX 75202 |               |           | SVP and General Counsel |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Paul A. Castanon,  
Attorney-in-Fact  
Date: 03/09/2010

\*\*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) Shares withheld for payment of taxes upon vesting of the restricted units in accordance with Rule 16b-3.

(2) These restricted units vest ratably on each of the first, second and third anniversaries of the date of grant. Each restricted unit converts into one share of the Company's common stock upon vesting.

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