

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

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)
 500 NORTH FIELD DRIVE
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 11/05/2012

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

LAKE FOREST, IL 60045

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(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	11/05/2012		M ⁽¹⁾		700	A	\$ 21.19
Common Stock	11/05/2012		S ⁽¹⁾		700	D	\$ 31.06
Common Stock							10,713 ⁽²⁾

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. Derivative Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 21.19	11/05/2012		M ⁽¹⁾	700	⁽³⁾ 01/15/2013	Common Stock	700

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
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
11/06/2012

__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 cashless 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) All stock options were exercisable as of 01/16/2009.
- (4) Reflects stock options granted pursuant to Rule 16b-3.

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