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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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See Instruction

1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporti PERKINS JAMES ARTH	_	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol TENNECO INC [TEN]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		
(Last) (First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)		
500 NORTH FIELD DRIV	/E	(Month/Day/Year) 07/18/2006	Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below) VP and Controller		
(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
LAKE FOREST, IL 60045	j	Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	e I - Non-D	erivative	Secur	ities 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. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)			5. Amount of Securities Ownership Beneficially Form: Direct Owned (D) or Following Indirect (I)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	07/18/2006		M(1)	1,493	A	\$ 12.14	2,301	D	
Common Stock	07/18/2006		M(1)	834	A	\$ 16	3,135	D	
Common Stock	07/18/2006		F(2)	293	D	\$ 21.77	2,842	D	
Common Stock	07/19/2006		D	9,249 (3)	D	\$0	0	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)

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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	onof		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 12.14	07/18/2006		M		746	02/09/2005	02/09/2014	Common Stock	746
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 12.14	07/18/2006		M		747	02/09/2006	02/09/2014	Common Stock	747
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 12.14	07/19/2006		D <u>(5)</u>		747	02/09/2007	02/09/2014	Common Stock	747
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 16	07/18/2006		M		834	01/16/2006	01/16/2012	Common Stock	834
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 16	07/19/2006		D <u>(5)</u>		833	01/16/2007	01/16/2012	Common Stock	833
Employee Stock	\$ 16	07/19/2006		D(5)		833	01/16/2008	01/16/2012	Common Stock	833

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Option (Right to Buy)					
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 21.19	07/19/2006	D <u>(5)</u>	667 01/16/2007 01/16/2013 Common Stock	667
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 21.19	07/19/2006	D <u>(5)</u>	666 01/16/2008 01/16/2013 Common Stock	666
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 21.19	07/19/2006	D <u>(5)</u>	666 01/16/2009 01/16/2013 Common Stock	666

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
PERKINS JAMES ARTHUR JR 500 NORTH FIELD DRIVE LAKE FOREST, IL 60045			VP and Controller				

Signatures

/s/Timothy R. Donovan, Attorney-in-fact for James
Perkins

07/20/2006

**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 received upon exercise of Employee Stock Option.
- (2) Reflects disposition of shares to the Issuer in form of share withholding to satisfy tax obligation in connection with the exercise of Employee Stock Options.
- (3) Reflects forfeiture of restricted stock granted to the Reporting Person pursuant to Rule 16b-3.
- (4) Reflects stock options granted pursuant to Rule 16b-3.
- (5) Reflects forfeiture of stock options granted pursuant to Rule 16b-3.

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