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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, DC 20549

FORM 8-K CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): November 22, 2010 (November 22, 2010) TENNECO INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware 1-12387 76-0515284
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer Identification No.)

500 NORTH FIELD DRIVE, LAKE FOREST, 60045
ILLINOIS (Zip Code)

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (847) 482-5000

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ITEM 8.01 OTHER EVENTS.

Tenneco Inc. is seeking to amend its senior credit agreement to permit the company to refinance its \$500 million senior subordinated notes with new senior, unsecured indebtedness. The company is seeking the amendment to enhance its flexibility with respect to the senior subordinated notes. The company does not expect to incur any fee in connection with the amendment.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

TENNECO INC.

Date: November 22, 2010 By: /s/ James D. Harrington

James D. Harrington

Senior Vice President, General Counsel

and Corporate Secretary