

TENNECO INC  
Form 3  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF 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)

<p>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *</p> <p>Novas Paul D</p> <p>(Last) (First) (Middle)</p> <p>500 NORTH FIELD DRIVE</p> <p>(Street)</p> <p>LAKE FOREST, IL 60045</p> <p>(City) (State) (Zip)</p>	<p>2. Date of Event Requiring Statement</p> <p>(Month/Day/Year)</p> <p>07/19/2006</p>	<p>3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</p> <p>TENNECO INC [TEN]</p>	<p>4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer</p> <p>(Check all applicable)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other</p> <p>(give title below) (specify below)</p> <p>VP and Controller</p>	<p>5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)</p>	<p>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person</p>
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	2,180	D	^
Common Stock	11,833 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	^
Common Stock	3,917	I	By 401(k)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security	4. Conversion or Exercise	5. Ownership Form of	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	(Instr. 4) Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Price of Derivative Security	Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	Â (2)	12/12/2016	Common Stock	3,765	\$ 24.07	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	Â (2)	01/13/2018	Common Stock	5,647	\$ 19.82	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	Â (2)	07/21/2008	Common Stock	9,412	\$ 19.46	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	Â (2)	11/05/2009	Common Stock	10,000	\$ 8.56	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	Â (2)	01/09/2011	Common Stock	10,000	\$ 3.66	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	Â (2)	12/05/2011	Common Stock	30,000	\$ 1.57	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	Â (2)	01/21/2013	Common Stock	15,000	\$ 3.77	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	Â (3)	01/20/2014	Common Stock	5,000	\$ 8.68	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	Â (4)	01/14/2012	Common Stock	5,000	\$ 16	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	Â (5)	01/16/2013	Common Stock	2,500	\$ 21.19	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	Â (6)	03/17/2013	Common Stock	1,000	\$ 21.6	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Novas Paul D 500 NORTH FIELD DRIVE LAKE FOREST, IL 60045	Â	Â	Â VP and Controller	Â

## Signatures

/s/Timothy R. Donovan, Attorney-in-fact for Paul D.  
Novas

07/27/2006

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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).

- Reflects restricted stock granted to the Reporting Person pursuant to Rule 16b-3. Of the shares, 1,666 will vest on January 14, 2007, 834 will vest on January 16, 2007, 5,000 will vest on January 20, 2007, 334 will vest on March 17, 2007, 1,667 will vest on January 14, 2008, 833 will vest on January 16, 2008, 333 will vest on March 17, 2008, 833 will vest on January 16, 2009 and 333 will vest on March 17, 2009.
- (1)
  - (2) All Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy) have vested.
  - (3) 1,667 Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy) vested on January 20, 2005, 1,666 Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy) vested on January 20, 2006 and 1,667 Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) will vest on January 20, 2007.
  - (4) 1,667 Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy) vested on January 14, 2006, 1,666 Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy) will vest on January 14, 2007 and 1,667 Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) will vest on January 14, 2008.
  - (5) 834 Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy) will vest on January 16, 2007, 833 Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy) will vest on January 16, 2008 and 833 Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) will vest on January 16, 2009.
  - (6) 334 Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy) will vest on March 16, 2007, 333 Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy) will vest on March 16, 2008 and 333 Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy) will vest on March 16, 2009.

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