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TENNECO INC
Form 8-K
January 16, 2007

UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 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): January 15, 2007

TENNECO INC.
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)	1-12387 (Commission File Number)	76-0515284 (I.R.S. Employer of Incorporation Identification No.)
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500 NORTH FIELD DRIVE, LAKE FOREST, ILLINOIS (Address of Principal Executive Offices)	60045 (Zip Code)
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Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (847) 482-5000

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ITEM 1.01 ENTRY INTO A MATERIAL DEFINITIVE AGREEMENT

On January 15, 2007, in connection with Gregg Sherrill's appointment as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Tenneco Inc., Mr. Sherrill entered into a non-compete and confidentiality agreement with the company. The agreement prohibits Mr. Sherrill under circumstances described in the agreement from engaging in, being employed by or otherwise advising or acting for any business which is a competitor of the company for a period of one year after the termination of Mr. Sherrill's employment by the company. A copy of the agreement is filed as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

Exhibit No. -----	Description -----
99.1	Letter Agreement between Tenneco Inc. and Gregg Sherrill.

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: January 16, 2007

By: /s/ Timothy R. Donovan

Timothy R. Donovan
Executive Vice President and
General Counsel