

Ruff Gary K.  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Ruff Gary K.

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
TENET HEALTHCARE CORP  
[THC]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
13737 NOEL ROAD  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
03/01/2009

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
SVP and General Counsel

DALLAS, TX 75240  
(City) (State) (Zip)

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

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**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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Price   |  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 03/01/2009                           |  | M                              | V   | 3,333 \$ 1.11   | A  | 32,297 D                          |
| Common Stock                    | 03/01/2009                           |  | F                              |   | 1,089 \$ 1.11   | D  | 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. 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) |                 |                 |                            |
|---|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|-----|---|-----------------|-----------------|----------------------------|
|   |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | (A)  | (D) | Date Exercisable  | Expiration Date | Title           | Amount or Number of Shares |
| 2007<br>March<br>Restricted<br>Units            | <u>(1)</u>   | 03/01/2009                           |  | M                              |   | 3,333  |     | <u>(1)</u>  | <u>(1)</u>      | Common<br>Stock | 3,333                      |
| 1999 July<br>Option<br>(Right to<br>Buy)        | \$ 11.13   |                                      |  |                                |   |  |     | <u>(2)</u>  | 07/28/2009      | Common<br>Stock | 6,000                      |
| 2004<br>March<br>Option<br>(Right to<br>Buy)    | \$ 12.01   |                                      |  |                                |   |  |     | <u>(3)</u>  | 03/03/2014      | Common<br>Stock | 13,333                     |
| 2005<br>February<br>Option<br>(Right to<br>Buy) | \$ 10.52   |                                      |  |                                |   |  |     | <u>(3)</u>  | 02/16/2015      | Common<br>Stock | 14,167                     |
| 2006<br>February<br>Option<br>(Right to<br>Buy) | \$ 7.93  |                                      |  |                                |   |  |     | <u>(3)</u>  | 02/22/2016      | Common<br>Stock | 8,571                      |
| 2008 July<br>Option<br>(Right to<br>Buy)        | \$ 5.67  |                                      |  |                                |   |  |     | <u>(3)</u>  | 07/28/2018      | Common<br>Stock | 40,000                     |
| 2008<br>March<br>Restricted<br>Units            | \$ 0 <u>(1)</u>  |                                      |  |                                |   |  |     | <u>(1)</u>  | <u>(1)</u>      | Common<br>Stock | 15,100                     |
| 2009<br>February<br>Option                      | \$ 1.14  |                                      |  |                                |   |  |     | <u>(3)</u>  | 02/26/2019      | Common<br>Stock | 400,000                    |

(Right to  
Buy)

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                      | Relationships |           |                         |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                 | Other |
| Ruff Gary K.<br>13737 NOEL ROAD<br>DALLAS, TX 75240 |               |           | SVP and General Counsel |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Ruff, Gary K.                      03/03/2009

\*\*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) These restricted units vest ratably on each of the first, second and third anniversaries of the date of grant. Restricted Units are settled in shares of the Company's common stock upon vesting.
- (2) These derivative securities (stock options) vested ratably on each of the first, second, and third anniversaries of the date of grant.
- (3) These derivative securities (stock options) vest ratably on each of the first, second and third anniversaries of the date of grant.

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