

Charlton Michael John
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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 *
 Charlton Michael John

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 TENNECO INC [TEN]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 500 NORTH FIELD DRIVE
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 09/14/2011

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Senior Vice President

LAKE FOREST, IL 60045

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Stock	09/14/2011		M ⁽¹⁾		5,388 A \$ 1.99	8,885	D
Common Stock	09/14/2011		S ⁽¹⁾		5,388 D \$ 29.29	3,497	D
Common Stock						10,364 ⁽³⁾	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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 1.99	09/14/2011		M ⁽¹⁾	5,388	⁽⁴⁾ 01/22/2016	Common Stock	5,388

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
Charlton Michael John 500 NORTH FIELD DRIVE LAKE FOREST, IL 60045	Director 10% Owner Officer Other Senior Vice President

Signatures

James D. Harrington, Attorney-in-fact for Michael J. Charlton
 09/15/2011
 **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) Reflects cashless exercise of stock options which were granted pursuant to Rule 16b-3.
- (2) The Common Stock reported herein as being sold were sold at a range of between 29.25 and \$29.32 per share. The sale price reported above represents the weighted average purchase price for the reported transaction and has been rounded to the nearest cent.
- (3) Reflects restricted stock granted to the Reporting Person pursuant to Rule 16b-3.
- (4) Two-thirds of the stock options granted to the Reporting Person were exercisable as of 01/22/2011. The remaining stock options will become exercisable on 01/22/2012.
- (5) Reflects stock options granted pursuant to Rule 16b-3.

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