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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement TENNECO INC [TEN] Novas Paul D (Month/Day/Year) 07/19/2006 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 500 NORTH FIELD DRIVE (Check all applicable) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) 10% Owner Director _X_ Form filed by One Reporting _X__ Officer Other Person (give title below) (specify below) LAKE FOREST. ILÂ 60045 Form filed by More than One VP and Controller Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial (Instr. 4) Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership Form: (Instr. 4) (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) D Â Common Stock 2,180 Â Common Stock 11,833 (1) D Common Stock 3,917 Ι By 401(k) Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a

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

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3. Title and Amount of 1. Title of Derivative Security 2. Date Exercisable and 4. 6. Nature of Indirect (Instr. 4) **Expiration Date** Securities Underlying Conversion Ownership Beneficial Ownership (Month/Day/Year) **Derivative Security** or Exercise Form of (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)	(2)	12/12/2016	Common Stock	3,765	\$ 24.07	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(2)	01/13/2018	Common Stock	5,647	\$ 19.82	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(2)	07/21/2008	Common Stock	9,412	\$ 19.46	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(2)	11/05/2009	Common Stock	10,000	\$ 8.56	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(2)	01/09/2011	Common Stock	10,000	\$ 3.66	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(2)	12/05/2011	Common Stock	30,000	\$ 1.57	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(2)	01/21/2013	Common Stock	15,000	\$ 3.77	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(3)	01/20/2014	Common Stock	5,000	\$ 8.68	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(4)	01/14/2012	Common Stock	5,000	\$ 16	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(5)	01/16/2013	Common Stock	2,500	\$ 21.19	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(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	Â	Â	VP and Controller	Â		
LAKE FOREST, IL 60045						

Signatures

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

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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- * 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,
- (1) Will vest on January 16, 2007, 3,000 will vest on January 20, 2007, 354 will vest on January 16, 2009 and 333 will vest on March 17, 2008, 833 will vest on January 16, 2009 and 333 will vest on March 17, 2009.
- (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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