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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement TENNECO INC [TEN] À Zimmerman J Jeffrey (Month/Day/Year) 05/09/2006 (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 LAKE FOREST, Â ILÂ 60045 (give title below) (specify below) Form filed by More than One VP - Law and Corp. Sec. Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 2. Amount of Securities 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) D Â Common Stock 2,208 Â Common Stock 5,416 (1) D Common Stock $3,405 \stackrel{(2)}{=}$ 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

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

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Date Exercisable and	3. Title and Amount of	4.	5.	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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			(Instr. 4)		Price of	Derivative	
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Derivative Security	Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)	(3)	01/20/2014	Common Stock	800	\$ 8.68	D	Â
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)	(4)	07/01/2011	Common Stock	400	\$ 13.05	D	Â
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)	(5)	01/16/2012	Common Stock	2,000	\$ 16	D	Â
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)	(6)	01/16/2013	Common Stock	1,750	\$ 21.19	D	Â
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)	(7)	03/17/2013	Common Stock	250	\$ 21.6	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
Zimmerman J Jeffrey 500 NORTH FIELD DRIVE LAKE FOREST Â II Â 60045	Â	Â	VP - Law and Corp. Sec.	Â	

Signatures

/s/ Timothy R. Donovan, Attorney-in-fact for J. Jeffrey
Zimmerman
05/18/2006

**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).
- (1) Reflects restricted stock granted to the Reporting Person.
- (2) Reflects shares allocated to, and indirectly held by, Reporting Person under the Issuer's 401(K) Plan (the "Plan Shares").
- (3) 400 options are currently exercisable and the remaining 400 options will become exercisable on January 20, 2007
- (4) 134 options are currently exercisable, 133 options will become exercisable on July 1, 2006 and 133 options will become exercisable on July 1, 2007.
- (5) 667 options are currently exercisable, 666 options will become exercisable on January 16, 2007 and 667 options will become exercisable on January 16, 2008.
- (6) 584 options will become exercisable on January 16, 2007, 583 options will become exercisable on January 16, 2008 and 583 options will become exercisable on January 16, 2009.
- (7) 84 options will become exercisable on March 17, 2007, 83 options will become exercisable on March 17, 2008 and 83 options will become exercisable on March 17, 2009.

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Remarks:

See Power of Attorney for Mr. Zimmerman (Exhibit 99.1).

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