

TENET HEALTHCARE CORP
 Form 4
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FORM 4

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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 *
PETTINGILL RICHARD

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)
05/15/2006

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

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

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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) | Code | V | Amount | (D) | Price |

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 | 2. Conversion or Exercise | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 4. Transaction Code | 5. Number of Derivative Securities | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
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| (Instr. 3) | Price of Derivative Security | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|------------------------------------|------------------|------------|--|------|---|-----|-----|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------|
| 2006 May Director Stock Units ⁽¹⁾ | <u>(2)</u> | 05/15/2006 | A | 17,264 | | | | | <u>(2)</u> | <u>(2)</u> | Common Stock | 17,264 |
| 2004 March Director Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 10.42 | | | | | | | | 03/25/2004 | 03/25/2014 | Common Stock | 49,904 |
| 2004 October Director Stock Units ⁽¹⁾ | \$ 0 | | | | | | | | <u>(2)</u> | <u>(2)</u> | Common Stock | 12,195 |
| 2005 May Director Stock Units ⁽¹⁾ | \$ 0 | | | | | | | | <u>(2)</u> | <u>(2)</u> | Common Stock | 10,833 |
| Stock Units ⁽³⁾ | \$ 0 | | | | | | | | <u>(4)</u> | <u>(4)</u> | Common Stock | 6,323 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| PETTINGILL RICHARD 13737 NOEL ROAD DALLAS, TX 75240 | X | | | |

Signatures

/s/ Pettingill,
Richard 05/16/2006

 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 Stock Units were awarded under the Company's Stock Incentive Plan.
- (2) These Stock Units vest ratably on each of the first, second and third anniversaries of the date of grant or become fully vested upon termination of service, whichever occurs first, and are settled in shares of the Company's common stock only upon termination of service.
- (3) These Stock Units were accrued under the Company's Deferred Compensation Plan.
- (4) These Stock Units are settled in shares of the Company's common stock upon termination of service.

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