#### PERKINS JAMES ARTHUR JR

Form 4

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## FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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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 * PERKINS JAMES ARTHUR JR			2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol TENNECO INC [TEN]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)		
			(Month/Day/Year)	Director 10% Owner		
500 NORTH FIELD DRIVE			01/14/2006	X Officer (give title Other (specification)  VP and Controller		
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
LAKE FOREST, IL 60045			Filed(Month/Day/Year)			

(City)	(State)	Zip) Table	I - Non-D	erivative	Secur	ities Acq	uired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	n(A) or Di	Securities Acquired A) or Disposed of (D) nstr. 3, 4 and 5)		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	01/14/2006		J <u>(1)</u>	1,334	A	\$0	1,334	D	
Common Stock	01/14/2006		F(2)	526	D	\$ 21.19	808	D	
Common Stock	01/14/2006		J <u>(1)</u>	1,334	D	\$ 0	6,249 <u>(3)</u>	D	
Common Stock	01/16/2006		A(4)	2,000	A	\$ 21.19	8,249 (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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number on f 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
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 21.19	01/16/2006		A(5)	667	01/16/2007	01/16/2013	Common Stock	667
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 21.19	01/16/2006		A(5)	667	01/16/2008	01/16/2013	Common Stock	667
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 21.19	01/16/2006		A(5)	666	01/16/2009	01/16/2013	Common Stock	666

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
Reporting Owner Name / Address	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
PERKINS JAMES ARTHUR JR 500 NORTH FIELD DRIVE LAKE FOREST, IL 60045			VP and Controller				

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## **Signatures**

/s/ Timothy R. Donovan, Attorney-in-fact for James Perkins

01/18/2006

\*\*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) Reflects vesting of restricted stock, which is now being reported as non-restricted stock.
- (2) Reflects disposition of shares to the Issuer in the form of share withholding to satisfy tax obligation in connection with the vesting of restricted stock described above.
- (3) Reflects restricted stock granted to the Reporting Person pursuant to Rule 16b-3.
- (4) Reflects grant of restricted stock to the Reporting Person pursuant to Rule 16b-3, one-third of which vest on each of the first three anniversaries of the grant date.
- (5) Reflects grant of stock options to the Reporting Person pursuant to Rule 16b-3.

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