PORTER BIGGS C

Form 4

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FORM 4

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * PORTER BIGGS C			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol TENET HEALTHCARE CORP [THC]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)		
(Last) 1445 ROSS A	(First) VENUE, SU	(Middle) JITE 1400	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/25/2012	Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) Chief Financial Officer		
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person		
DALLAS, TX	75202			Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(City)	(State) (Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	erivative S	ecuri	ties Acq	uired, Disposed o	of, or Beneficial	ly 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 on(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	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	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock (1)	02/25/2012		A	32,552	A	\$0	454,471	D	
Common Stock	02/25/2012		F	10,227	D	\$ 5.78 (2)	444,244	D	
Common Stock (3)	02/25/2012		A	32,552	A	\$ 0	476,796	D	
Common Stock	02/25/2012		F	10,227	D	\$ 5.78 (2)	466,569	D	
							25,000	I	By Trust

Common Stock

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)	4. 5. Number of TransactiorDerivative Code Securities Acquired (Instr. 8) (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Underlying (Instr. 3 an	
	Security		Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
2010 February Performance-Based Restricted Units	(1)	02/25/2012	A	32,552		<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Common Stock
2010 February Restricted Units	(3)	02/25/2012	D		32,552	(3)	(3)	Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Director 10% Owner Officer Other

PORTER BIGGS C 1445 ROSS AVENUE **SUITE 1400 DALLAS, TX 75202**

Chief Financial Officer

Signatures

/s/ Paul A. Castanon, Attorney-in-Fact for Biggs C.

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> **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) (BP1) As previously reported, on February 25, 2010, the reporting person received a grant of 97,656 performance restricted units that were subject to the issuer's attainment of a specified one-year performance metric for the year then-ending December 31, 2010. The performance metric was met; therefore, these restricted units vest ratably on each of the first, second and third anniversaries of the date of

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grant. The first anniversary of this grant occurred on February 25, 2011, resulting in the vesting and settlement of 32,552 shares of common stock. The second anniversary of this grant occurred on February 25, 2012, resulting in the vesting and settlement of 32,552 shares of common stock, as shown in Table I. The remaining 32,552 performance restricted units, which are scheduled to vest on February 25, 2013, are shown in Table II. Restricted units are settled in shares of the issuer's common stock upon vesting.

- (2) Shares withheld for payment of taxes upon vesting of restricted units in accordance with Rule 16b-3.
 - (BP3) As previously reported, on February 25, 2010, the reporting person received a grant of 97,656 restricted units that vest ratably on each of the first, second and third anniversaries of the date of grant. The first anniversary of this grant occurred on February 25, 2011, resulting in the vesting and settlement of 32,552 shares of common stock. The second anniversary of this grant occurred on February 25,
- 2012, resulting in the vesting and settlement of 32,522 shares of common stock as shown in Table II. The remaining 32,552 restricted units, as shown in Table II, are scheduled to vest on February 25, 2013. Restricted units are settled in shares of the issuer's common stock upon vesting.

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