

TENNECO INC  
Form 8-K  
November 18, 2009

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

**FORM 8-K  
Current Report  
Pursuant To Section 13 or 15(d) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): November 17, 2009 (November 17, 2009)  
TENNECO INC.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

1-12387  
(Commission File Number)

76-0515284  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

500 NORTH FIELD DRIVE, LAKE FOREST,  
ILLINOIS

60045

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (847) 482-5000

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
  - Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**ITEM 8.01 OTHER EVENTS.**

On November 17, 2009, Tenneco Inc. announced the commencement of an underwritten registered public offering of its common stock.

The text of the press release announcing the commencement of the public offering, which is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1, is incorporated herein by reference.

**ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.**

**(d) Exhibits**

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 Press Release dated November 17, 2009.

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

**TENNECO INC.**

Date: November 17, 2009

By: /s/ Kenneth R. Trammell  
Kenneth R. Trammell  
Executive Vice President and Chief  
Financial Officer