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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): February 5, 2009 (February 5, 2009) TENNECO INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware 1-12387 76-0515284
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) (Commission File Number) (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

500 NORTH FIELD DRIVE, LAKE FOREST,

60045

ILLINOIS

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

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

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ITEM 7.01 REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE

On February 5, 2009, Tenneco Inc. announced that it has initiated the process—which it first announced in December 2008—to achieve a longer-term amendment to its senior secured credit facility in anticipation of continued difficult economic and industry conditions globally. A summary of the proposed terms for the amendment is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference. There can be no assurance, however, that the amendment will be completed or that, if completed, it will be on the terms described in the summary.

ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 Summary of Terms

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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: February 5, 2009 By: /s/ Kenneth R. Trammell

Kenneth R. Trammell

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial

Officer