

TENNECO INC  
Form 8-K  
October 28, 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): October 28, 2009 (October 27, 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  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

60045  
(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)
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  - // 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 October 27, 2009, Tenneco Inc. announced that it has been awarded a \$24 million conditional loan commitment as part of the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing (ATVM) Incentive Program. The funding will support the engineering and manufacturing of emission control products designed to achieve environmental and fuel efficiency objectives for nine advanced technology vehicle programs. Tenneco is the first automotive supplier to be selected by the DOE to receive federal loans from the ATVM incentive program. A copy of the company's press release announcing the conditional loan commitment is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

**(d) Exhibits**

Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	Press release issued October 27, 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: October 28, 2009

By: /s/ James D. Harrington  
James D. Harrington  
Senior Vice President, General Counsel  
and Secretary