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Voting Items The Board of Directors recommends a vote FOR Items 1, 2 and 3. 1. Election of 10 Director Nominees **Nominees:** 1a) Charles W. Cramb 1b) Dennis J. Letham 2. Approve appointment of Deloitte & Touche LLP as independent public accountants for 2009. 1c) Frank E. Macher 3. Approve amendment of the Tenneco Inc. 2006 Long-Term Incentive Plan to increase shares 1d) Hari N. Nair available by 2.3 million, with each share underlying an award counting as one share (provided that each share underlying a full value 1e) Roger B. Porter award counts as 1.25 shares) against the total plan availability. 1f) David B. Price, Jr. 4. In the discretion of the Proxies named herein, the Proxies are authorized to vote upon such 1g) Gregg M. Sherrill other matters as may properly come before the meeting (or any adjournment or postponement thereof). 1h) Paul T. Stecko 1i) Mitsunobu Takeuchi 1j) Jane L. Warner M11500