

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

FORM 4

Statement of changes in beneficial ownership of securities

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person GARRETT J PATRICK			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CLECO CORP [CNL]			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/24/2013			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check applicable line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form Filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form Filed by More than One Reporting Person		
P.O. BOX 5000			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)					
(Street) PINEVILLE, LA 71361-5000								
(City)	(State)	(Zip)						

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially 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 (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	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			
Common Stock, \$1.00 par							50,732.808	D	

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)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						Title
Phantom Stock	(1)	01/24/2013		A		1,964		(1)	(1)	Common Stock, \$1.00 par	1,964 (1)	(1)	60,005.866 (2)	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. The shares of phantom stock relate to shares of restricted stock granted under the Cleco Corporation Long-Term Incentive Compensation Plan. No separate value was exchanged for these shares. Except as expressly provided in the grant letter relating to these shares of restricted stock, such shares cannot be sold, assigned, transferred, pledged, hypothecated or otherwise disposed of by the reporting person prior to January 24, 2019. The reporting person has elected to defer receipt of these shares of restricted stock under the Cleco Corporation Deferred Compensation Plan (the "Plan"). Each share of phantom stock is the economic equivalent of one share of Cleco Corporation common stock.

2. Includes 11,723 shares of phantom stock (not subject to restrictions) related to dividend reinvestment on shares of phantom stock pursuant to the terms and provisions of the Plan. Includes (a) 2,140 shares of phantom stock subject to restrictions that lapse on January 25, 2014; (b) 2,544 shares of phantom stock subject to restrictions that lapse on January 30, 2015; (c) 2,149 shares of phantom stock subject to restrictions that lapse on January 29, 2016; (d) 1,898 shares of phantom stock subject to restrictions that lapse on January 28, 2017; (e) 2,113 shares of phantom stock subject to restrictions that lapse on January 27, 2018 and (f) 1,964 shares of phantom stock subject to restrictions that lapse on January 24, 2019.

Signatures

[Julia E. Callis, Atty-in-fact for J. Patrick Garrett](#)

** Signature of Reporting Person

[01/28/2013](#)

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

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