

RATCLIFF ROBERT T SR
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 RATCLIFF ROBERT T SR

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 CLECO CORP [CNL]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 P.O. BOX 5000
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 05/15/2009

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

PINEVILLE, LA 71361-5000
 (City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| Common Stock, \$1.00 par | | | | (A) or (D) Price | 21,689.459 | D | |

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

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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| 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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|
| Phantom Stock | (1) | 05/15/2009 | | A | 107 | (1) (1) | Common Stock, \$1.00 par | 107 (1) \$ 20.7 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| RATCLIFF ROBERT T SR P.O. BOX 5000 PINEVILLE, LA 71361-5000 | | X | | |

Signatures

Judy P. Miller, Atty-in-fact for Robert T. Ratcliff, Sr. 05/18/2009

__Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

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

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The shares of phantom stock relate to dividend reinvestment on shares of phantom stock pursuant to the terms and provisions of the Cleco Corporation Deferred Compensation Plan (the "Plan"). The reporting person has elected to defer receipt of these shares under the Plan.

(1) Each share of phantom stock is the economic equivalent of one share of Cleco Corporation common stock. Shares of phantom stock may be transferred by the reporting person into an alternative investment account in the Plan at any time pursuant to the terms and provisions of the Plan.

(2) Includes 495 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) 1,846 shares of phantom stock subject to restrictions that lapse on January 26, 2013; (b) 2,140 shares of phantom stock subject to restrictions that lapse on January 25, 2014; and (c) 2,544 shares of phantom stock subject to restrictions that lapse on January 30, 2015.

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