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January 04, 2013

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): December 28, 2012

CLECO CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Louisiana 1-15759 72-1445282 (State or other jurisdiction (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer of incorporation) Identification No.)

2030 Donahue Ferry Road

Pineville, Louisiana 71360-5226 (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (318) 484-7400

CLECO POWER LLC

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Louisiana 1-05663 72-0244480 (State or other jurisdiction (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer Identification No.)

2030 Donahue Ferry Road

Pineville, Louisiana 71360-5226 (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (318) 484-7400

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- o 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.

As previously disclosed in the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2012, on July 3, 2012, Cleco Corporation and Cleco Power LLC, collectively referred to herein as "Cleco," filed a Private Letter Ruling (PLR) request with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) in order to determine the appropriateness and timing of the special allowance for depreciation for the Madison Unit 3 Generating Station. Subsequently, on December 28, 2012, Cleco received a favorable PLR from the IRS, consistent with the request allowing for the additional first year depreciation deduction in the amount of \$411 million as reflected on Cleco Corporation's 2011 federal income tax return.

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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 thereunto duly authorized.

CLECO CORPORATION

Date:January 4, 2013 By: /s/ Terry L. Taylor

Terry L. Taylor

Controller and Chief Accounting Officer

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 thereunto duly authorized.

CLECO POWER LLC

Date:January 4, 2013 By: /s/ Terry L. Taylor

Terry L. Taylor

Controller and Chief Accounting Officer