

GARRETT J PATRICK

Form 4

January 28, 2013

**FORM 4****UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
GARRETT J PATRICK

(Last) (First) (Middle)

P.O. BOX 5000

(Street)

PINEVILLE, LA 71361-5000

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
01/24/2013

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
☐ Form filed by More than One Reporting  
Person

**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)
Common Stock, \$1.00 par			Code	V Amount (D) Price	50,732.808	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 Paid for Underlying Securities (Instr. 3)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	
Phantom Stock	(1)	01/24/2013		A	1,964	(1)	(1)	Common Stock, \$1.00 par
								1,964 (1)

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
GARRETT J PATRICK P.O. BOX 5000 PINEVILLE, LA 71361-5000	X

## Signatures

Julia E. Callis, Atty-in-fact for J. Patrick  
Garrett 01/28/2013

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

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

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

(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.

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