CLECO CORP

Form 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

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See Instruction

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Hoefling Wade			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)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)				
			(Month/Day/Year)	Director 10% Owner				
P.O. BOX 5000			01/31/2014	_X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) Sr Vice President				
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check				
			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line)				
PINEVILLE, LA 71361-5000				_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				

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(City)	(State)	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. Securi onAcquired Disposed (Instr. 3,	l (A) o l of (D))	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 par	01/31/2014		A <u>(1)</u>	4,051	A	<u>(2)</u>	45,950.0162 (3)	D	
Common Stock, \$1 par	01/31/2014		F(4)	3,483	D	<u>(2)</u>	42,467.0162	D	
Common Stock, \$1 par	01/31/2014		A(5)	4,729	A	<u>(2)</u>	47,196.0162	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)

1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Title	e and	8. Price of	9. Nu
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transacti	orNumber	Expiration D	ate	Amou	nt of	Derivative	Deriv
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Under	lying	Security	Secui
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivative	e		Securi	ties	(Instr. 5)	Bene
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	Security				Acquired						Follo
	·				(A) or						Repo
					Disposed						Trans
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					(Instr. 3,						Ì
					4, and 5)						
									Amount		
						Date	Expiration		or		
						Exercisable	*		Number		
									of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Hoefling Wade

P.O. BOX 5000 Sr Vice President

PINEVILLE, LA 71361-5000

Signatures

Julia E. Callis, Attorney-in-Fact for Wade A. 02/04/2014 Hoefling

> **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).
- Shares acquired under the Company's 2010 Long-Term Incentive Compensation Plan as the result of the Company's above-target performance during the three-year period ending December 31, 2013.
- (2) No value was exchanged for these shares.
- Total includes 10.0681 shares acquired through contributions and/or reinvestment of dividends under the Company's 401(k) plan during **(3)**
- Payment of tax liability by withholding securities incident to the receipt of shares awarded under the Company's 2010 Long-Term Incentive Compensation Plan for the three-year performance period ending December 31, 2013.
- (5) Performance shares granted under the Company's 2010 Long-Term Incentive Compensation Plan. Shares are subject to forfeiture, in whole or in part, based on the Company's performance during a three-year period beginning January 1, 2014 and ending December 31,

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2016. For the 2014 - 2016 performance cycle, the Compensation Committee has established total shareholder return (defined as the Company's common stock price appreciation plus dividends paid during the performance cycle) compared to companies in a peer group also selected by the Committee as the performance goal. Dividends will be accrued quarterly during the performance cycle, are subject to forfeiture in whole or in part, and will be paid only after the final determination of performance and in proportion to the target shares.

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