

CLECO CORP  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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

(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)  
03/13/2008

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)  
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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	03/13/2008		M	1,668 A	\$ 15.937 16,060.022 (1)	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. Amount or Number of Shares
Phantom Stock	(2)					(2) (2)	Common Stock, \$1.00 par	(2)
Outside Director Stock Option (4)	\$ 15.937	03/13/2008		M	1,668	04/27/1998 04/27/2008	Common Stock, \$1.00 par	1,668

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

Judy P. Miller, Atty-in-fact for Robert T. Ratcliff, Sr. 03/13/2008

\_\_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) Includes 129.84 shares acquired through the Cleco Corporation Dividend Reinvestment Plan on 02/15/2008. Shares of phantom stock held pursuant to the terms and provisions of the Cleco Corporation Deferred Compensation Plan (the "Plan").
- (2) The reporting person has elected to defer receipt of these shares under the Plan. 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.
- (3) Includes 116 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 and (b) 2,140 shares of phantom stock subject to restrictions that lapse on January 25, 2014.
- (4) Right to buy granted under the Company's 1990 Long-Term Incentive Compensation Plan.

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