GARRETT J PATRICK

Form 4

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

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction 1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

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

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Symbol

(Middle)

(First)

(Street)

CLECO CORP [CNL]

(Check all applicable)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 11/15/2012

X_ Director 10% Owner Other (specify

Officer (give title below)

P.O. BOX 5000

(Last)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Indirect

Beneficial

Ownership (Instr. 4)

Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

PINEVILLE, LA 71361-5000

(City) (State) (Zip) 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

(A)

or

5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Securities Form: Direct Beneficially (D) or Owned Indirect (I) Following (Instr. 4)

Reported

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

Common

Security

(Instr. 3)

Stock, 50,732.808 D

\$1.00 par

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

(Month/Day/Year)

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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. Transa Code (Instr.		Derivative		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securities	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Phantom Stock	(1)	11/15/2012		A		502		<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Common Stock, \$1.00 par	502 (1)	\$ 38.7

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
r	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

11/19/2012

**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).
- The shares of phantom stock relate to dividend reinvestment on shares of phantom stock pursuant to the terms and provisions of the Cleco (1) Corporation Deferred Compensation Plan (the "Plan"). 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.
- 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) 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; (c) 2,544 shares of phantom stock subject to restrictions that lapse on January 29, 2016; (e) 1,898 shares of phantom stock subject to restrictions that lapse on January 27, 2018.

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