

CLECO CORP  
Form 8-K  
February 22, 2012

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): February 22, 2012

CLECO CORPORATION  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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| Louisiana<br>(State or other jurisdiction<br>of incorporation) | 1-15759<br>(Commission File Number) | 72-1445282<br>(IRS Employer<br>Identification No.) |
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| 2030 Donahue Ferry Road<br>Pineville, Louisiana<br>(Address of principal executive offices) | 71360-5226<br>(Zip Code) |
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Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (318) 484-7400

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On February 22, 2012, Cleco Corporation (the “Company”) reported earnings for the quarter and twelve months ended December 31, 2011. For additional information regarding the Company’s earnings for these periods, please refer to the press release attached to this report as Exhibit 99.1 (the “Press Release”), which is incorporated by reference herein. The information in the Press Release is being furnished, not filed, for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or otherwise subject to liabilities under that section. Accordingly, the information in the Press Release will not be incorporated by reference into any registration statement filed by the Company under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, unless specifically identified therein as being incorporated therein by reference. The furnishing of the information in this report is not intended to, and does not, constitute a determination or admission by the Company that the information in this report is material or complete, or that investors should consider this information before making an investment decision with respect to any security of the Company or of any of its subsidiaries, including Cleco Power LLC.

At 10:00 a.m. CST (11:00 a.m. EST), Thursday, February 23, 2012, management of the Company will host a conference call to discuss the Company’s results for the quarter and twelve months ended December 31, 2011. The call will be broadcast live on the Internet, and replays will be available for 12 months. The web cast may be accessed through the Company’s website at [www.cleco.com](http://www.cleco.com) by selecting “Investors Relations,” and then “Q4 2011 Cleco Corp Earnings Conference Call.”

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

The following exhibit is furnished herewith:

99.1 Press Release issued February 22, 2012, regarding Cleco Corporation’s earnings for the quarter and twelve months ended December 31, 2011.

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: February 22, 2012

By: /s/ Terry L. Taylor  
Terry L. Taylor  
Controller and Chief Accounting Officer

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EXHIBIT INDEX

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