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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Add BAUSEWINE	•	_	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	(Choose an approximal)			
P.O. BOX 5000			(Month/Day/Year) 01/28/2011	Director 10% Owner _X Officer (give title Other (specify below) President & COO-Cleco Power			
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
PINEVILLE,	LA 71361-	5000	Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			

(City)	(State) (Z	Zip) Table	I - Non-Do	erivative S	Securi	ties Ac	quired, Disposed o	of, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)))	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock, \$1 par	01/28/2011		A(1)	2,103	A	<u>(2)</u>	58,503.1885 (3)	D	
Common Stock, \$1 par	01/28/2011		A(4)	8,714	A	(2)	67,217.1885	D	
Common Stock, \$1 par	01/28/2011		A(5)	1,700	A	(2)	68,917.1885	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 a	and	8. Price of	9. Nu
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transaction	orNumber	Expiration Date		Amount	of	Derivative	Deriv
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Underly	ing	Security	Secui
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivative	e		Securitie	es	(Instr. 5)	Bene
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						Date	Expiration	01			
						Exercisable	Date	Title Numb			
								of			
				Code V	(A) (D)			S	hares		

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Director 10% Owner Officer Other

BAUSEWINE GEORGE W President & P.O. BOX 5000 COO-Cleco PINEVILLE, LA 71361-5000 Power

Signatures

Judy P. Miller, Attorney-in-Fact for George W. 01/31/2011 Bausewine

> **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 2000 Long-Term Incentive Compensation Plan as the result of the Company's above-target performance during the three-year period ending December 31, 2010.
- (2) No value was exchanged for these shares.
- Total includes 153.1733 shares acquired through contributions and/or reinvestment of dividends under the Company's 401(k) plan during the period beginning 7/1/2010 through 12/31/2010.
- (4) 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, 2011 and ending December 31, 2013. For the 2011 - 2013 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

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forfeiture in whole or in part, and will be paid only after the final determination of performance and in proportion to the target shares.

(5) Time-based restricted shares granted under the Company's 2010 Long-Term Incentive Compensation Plan.

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