CADORIA SHERIAN G

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).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * CADORIA SHERIAN G

(First)

(Street)

(State)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

X_ Director Officer (give title

10% Owner Other (specify

P.O. BOX 5000

(Last)

(City)

(Month/Day/Year)

CLECO CORP [CNL]

11/16/2009

below) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

(Check all applicable)

Applicable Line)

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

Person

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

PINEVILLE, LA 71361-5000

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

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

(Zip)

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

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A)

Reported Transaction(s)

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

Common

Stock, \$1.00 par 2,767 D

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 Derivativ Security (Instr. 5)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Phantom Stock	(1)	11/16/2009		A		130		<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Common Stock, \$1.00 par	130 (1)	\$ 25.7

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
•	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
CADORIA SHERIAN G								
P.O. BOX 5000	X							
PINEVILLE, LA 71361-5000								

Signatures

Judy P. Miller, Atty-in-fact for Sherian G.
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11/17/2009

**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 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. 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.

Includes 1,909 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) 1,200 shares of phantom stock subject to restrictions that lapse on July 23, 2010; (b) 2,339 shares of phantom stock subject to restrictions that lapse on January 28, 2011; (c) 2,228 shares of phantom stock subject to restrictions that lapse on January 27, 2012; (d) 1,846 shares of phantom stock subject to restrictions that lapse on January 26, 2013; (e) 2,140 shares of phantom stock subject to restrictions that lapse on January 25, 2014; and (f) 2,544 shares of phantom stock subject to restrictions that lapse on January 30, 2015.

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