SAMIL DILEK SR Form 4 January 30, 2006

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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may continue. See Instruction 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * SAMIL DILEK SR			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CLECO CORP [CNL]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last) (First) (Mide		(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(encon un application)			
P.O. BOX 500	00		(Month/Day/Year) 01/27/2006	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,	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting			

(City)	(State) (Zi	p) Table I	- Non-Der	ivative Secu	ırities	Acquir	red, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y 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. Securitie on(A) or Disp (Instr. 3, 4 a	osed c	of (D)	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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Convertible Preferred, Series of 1991	12/31/2005		J <u>(1)</u>		A	(2)	96.4726	I	ESOP
Common Stock, \$1 par	01/27/2006		A(3)	3,326	A	\$0	32,798	D	
Common Stock, \$1 par	01/27/2006		A(4)	6,584	A	\$0	39,382	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. Titl	le and	8. Price of	9. Nu
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transacti	orNumber	Expiration Date		Amou	ınt of	Derivative	Deriv
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					(A) or						Repo
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					of (D)						(Instr
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					4, and 5)						
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						Exercisable	•	Title P	Number		
				G 1 W	(A) (D)				of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> 10% Owner Officer Other Director

SAMIL DILEK SR P.O. BOX 5000

President & COO (Cleco Power)

PINEVILLE, LA 71361-5000

Signatures

Judy P. Miller, Atty-in-Fact for Dilek Samil

01/30/2006

**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) Allocation of shares under the Company's ESOP.
- **(2)** \$200.16 \$226.37
- 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, 2005.

Performance shares granted under the Company's 2000 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, 2006 and ending December 31,

2008. For the 2006 - 2008 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 the S&P Small and MidCap Electric Utilities Index as the performance goal. Dividends will be accrued quarterly during the performance cycle, are subject to forfeiture in whole or in part, and will be paid only after the final determination of performance and in proportion to the target shares.

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