

CLECO CORP  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**MARKS WILLIAM L**

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
  
P.O. BOX 5000  
  
(Street)  
  
PINEVILLE, LA 71361-5000

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**CLECO CORP [CNL]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**05/06/2010**

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially 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. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock, \$1.00 par	05/06/2010		M	9,167 A	36,916	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)**

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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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8.	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Outside Director Stock Option <u>(2)</u>	\$ 23.25	05/06/2010		X	1,667	06/01/2001 06/01/2011	Common Stock, \$1.00 par	1,667	
Outside Director Stock Option <u>(2)</u>	\$ 22.25	05/06/2010		X	2,500	07/27/2001 07/27/2011	Common Stock, \$1.00 par	2,500	
Outside Director Stock Option <u>(2)</u>	\$ 18.125	05/06/2010		X	2,500	07/19/2002 07/19/2012	Common Stock, \$1.00 par	2,500	
Outside Director Stock Option <u>(2)</u>	\$ 16.25	05/06/2010		X	2,500	07/25/2003 07/25/2013	Common Stock, \$1.00 par	2,500	

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MARKS WILLIAM L P.O. BOX 5000 PINEVILLE, LA 71361-5000	X			

## Signatures

Judy P. Miller, Atty-in-fact for William L. Marks 05/07/2010

\_\_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) 1,667 shares at \$23.2500, 2,500 shares at \$22.2500, 2,500 shares at \$18.1250 and 2,500 shares at \$16.2500.

(2) Right to buy granted under the Company's 2000 Long-Term Incentive Compensation Plan.

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