

FONTENOT WILLIAM G  
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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 \*  
FONTENOT WILLIAM G

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)  
P.O. BOX 5000

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
01/27/2012

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

Group Vice President

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

PINEVILLE, LA 71361-5000

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock, \$1 par	01/27/2012		A <sup>(1)</sup>		1,835	A	(2)	45,737.6294	D	
Common Stock, \$1 par	01/27/2012		A <sup>(3)</sup>		4,466	A	(2)	50,203.6294	D	
Common Stock, \$1 par	12/31/2011		J <sup>(4)</sup>		135.314	A	(5)	4,266.3939	I	In trusts for minor children

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.



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(4) Shares acquired through the Company's dividend reinvestment plan during 2011.

(5) \$31.73 - \$36.53

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