

Johnson William Keith Jr.  
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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 \*  
 Johnson William Keith Jr.

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)  
 2030 DONAHUE FERRY ROAD  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 08/09/2010

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Acting VP - Cleco Midstream

PINEVILLE, LA 71360

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

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(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 (D) Price			
Common Stock, \$1.00 par	08/09/2010		M	7,500 A <u>(1)</u>	22,313.6385 <u>(2)</u>	D	
Common Stock, \$1.00 par	08/09/2010		S	7,500 D \$ 29.0523	14,813.6385	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 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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 22.25	08/09/2010		X	5,000	07/27/2006 07/27/2011	Common Stock, \$1.00 par	5,000
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 24.25	08/09/2010		X	2,500	04/17/2007 04/17/2012	Common Stock, \$1.00 par	2,500

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Johnson William Keith Jr. 2030 DONAHUE FERRY ROAD PINEVILLE, LA 71360			Acting VP - Cleco Midstream	

## Signatures

Wade A. Hoefling, Atty-in-Fact for William Keith Johnson, Jr. 08/09/2010

\*\*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) 5,000 shares @ \$22.25; 2,500 shares @ \$24.25.
- (2) Total includes 166.0391 shares acquired through the Company's 401(k) and 0.0409 shares acquired through the Company's Employee Stock Purchase Plan from 1/1/2010 through 6/30/2010.
- (3) Right to buy granted under the Company's 2000 Long-Term Incentive Compensation Plan.

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