

LaBorde Robert R Jr
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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 *
 LaBorde Robert R Jr

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 2030 DONAHUE FERRY ROAD
 (Street)

PINEVILLE, LA 71360

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 01/24/2013

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)
 Vice President

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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock, \$1 par	01/24/2013		A ⁽¹⁾		459	A	<u>(2)</u>
					20,528.1494		<u>(3)</u>
D							
Common Stock, \$1 par	01/24/2013		A ⁽⁴⁾		3,019	A	<u>(2)</u>
					23,547.1494		
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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Beneficially (Instr. 5)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
LaBorde Robert R Jr 2030 DONAHUE FERRY ROAD PINEVILLE, LA 71360			Vice President	

Signatures

Julia E. Callis, Attorney-in-Fact for Robert R. LaBorde, Jr. 01/28/2013

__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) Shares acquired under the Company's 2010 Long-Term Incentive Compensation Plan as the result of the Company's above-target performance during the three-year period ending December 31, 2012.
 - (2) No value was exchanged for these shares.
 - (3) Total includes 87.8166 shares acquired through contributions and/or reinvestment of dividends under the Company's 401(k) plan during the period beginning 07/01/2012 through 12/31/2012 and 14.59146 shares acquired through the Company's Employee Stock Purchase Plan during the same period. Total also includes 291.0265 shares acquired through the Company's dividend reinvestment plan during 2012.
 - (4) Performance shares granted under the Company's 2010 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, 2013 and ending December 31, 2015. For the 2013 - 2015 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 companies in a peer group also selected by the Committee 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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