

CLECO POWER LLC  
Form 8-K  
November 15, 2010

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): November 9, 2010

**CLECO CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Louisiana  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

1-15759  
(Commission  
File Number)

72-1445282  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

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**2030 Donahue Ferry Road**

**Pineville, Louisiana**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (318) 484-7400**

**71360-5226**  
(Zip Code)

## **CLECO POWER LLC**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Louisiana**  
(State or other jurisdiction)

(of incorporation)

**1-05663**  
(Commission)

(File Number)

**72-0244480**  
(IRS Employer)

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))



**Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.**

On November 9, 2010, Cleco Power LLC (the *Company*), a wholly owned subsidiary of Cleco Corporation, entered into an Underwriting Agreement (the *Underwriting Agreement*) with J.P. Morgan Securities LLC, Credit Agricole Securities (USA) Inc. and KeyBanc Capital Markets Inc., as representatives of the underwriters named in Schedule I thereto (the *Underwriters*), covering the issue and sale of \$250,000,000 aggregate principal amount of the *Company*'s 6.00% Notes due December 1, 2040 (the *Notes*). The offer and sale of the *Notes* are registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the *Securities Act*), pursuant to the registration statement on Form S-3 (Registration No. 333-162773) of the *Company*, which became effective upon filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission, as supplemented by the Prospectus Supplement dated November 9, 2010, relating to the *Notes* filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) of the *Securities Act*. Affiliates of certain of the *Underwriters* are lenders under the *Company*'s \$275 million five-year credit facility.

Closing of the issuance and sale of the *Notes* is scheduled for November 15, 2010, and is subject to customary conditions contained in the *Underwriting Agreement*.

The *Underwriters* have agreed in the *Underwriting Agreement* to purchase all of the *Notes* if any of them are purchased. If an *Underwriter* defaults, the agreement provides that the purchase commitment of the nondefaulting underwriter may be increased or the agreement may be terminated. The *Company* has agreed in the *Underwriting Agreement* to indemnify the *Underwriters* against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the *Securities Act*, or to contribute to payments the *Underwriters* may be required to make in respect of those liabilities.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(c) Exhibits.

The following exhibits are furnished herewith:

- 1.1 Underwriting Agreement dated November 9, 2010 by and among the *Company* and J.P. Morgan Securities LLC, Credit Agricole Securities (USA) Inc. and KeyBanc Capital Markets Inc., as representatives of the *Underwriters*.
- 4.1 Form of Eleventh Supplemental Indenture providing for the issuance of the *Notes*.
- 4.2 Form of Note (included in Exhibit 4.1 hereto).
- 5.1 Opinion of Baker Botts L.L.P.
- 23.1 Consent of Baker Botts L.L.P. (included in Exhibit 5.1 hereto).

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

**CLECO CORPORATION**

Date: November 15, 2010

By: /s/ R. Russell Davis  
R. Russell Davis  
Vice President - Investor Relations & Chief Accounting Officer

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