

CLECO POWER LLC  
Form 8-K  
January 31, 2012

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): January 31, 2012

CLECO CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Louisiana	1-15759	72-1445282
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)
2030 Donahue Ferry Road		
Pineville, Louisiana	71360-5226	
(Address of principal executive offices)	(Zip Code)	

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

CLECO POWER LLC

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Louisiana	1-05663	72-0244480
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)
2030 Donahue Ferry Road		
Pineville, Louisiana	71360-5226	
(Address of principal executive offices)	(Zip Code)	

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

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- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- 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 8.01 Other Events.

On January 31, 2012, Cleco Power LLC (“Cleco Power”), a wholly owned subsidiary of Cleco Corporation (the “Company”), announced that it has entered into a long-term full requirements Power Supply and Service Agreement (“PSSA”) with Dixie Electric Membership Corporation (“DEMCO”). DEMCO serves approximately 100,000 customers in a seven-parish area and has a peak load of 578 MW. The PSSA is a 10-year agreement beginning April 1, 2014. The PSSA is contingent upon regulatory approval by the Louisiana Public Service Commission (the “LPSC”) and Rural Utilities Service. Cleco Power has notified the LPSC of its intentions to file a long-term Request for Proposals for permanent additional generating capacity and plans to incorporate the potential load from DEMCO into the resource plan for this filing. A copy of the Company's press release announcing the contract entered into with DEMCO is attached to this Current Report on Form 8-K as Exhibit 99.1.

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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: January 31, 2012

By: /s/ Terry L. Taylor  
Terry L. Taylor  
Controller and Chief Accounting Officer

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 POWER LLC

Date: January 31, 2012

By: /s/ Terry L. Taylor  
Terry L. Taylor  
Controller and Chief Accounting Officer