

FONTENOT WILLIAM G

Form 4

January 30, 2006

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
FONTENOT WILLIAM G

(Last) (First) (Middle)

P.O. BOX 5000

(Street)

PINEVILLE, LA 71361-5000

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
01/27/2006

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
____X____ Officer (give title ____ Other (specify
below) below)

Vice President

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

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)
Common Stock, \$1 par	12/31/2005		J ⁽¹⁾	132.9971 A ⁽²⁾	19,267.5806	D	
Convertible Preferred, Series of 1991	12/31/2005		J ⁽³⁾	69.8985 A ⁽⁴⁾	630.3734	I	ESOP
Common Stock, \$1 par	01/27/2006		A ⁽⁵⁾	2,188 A \$ 0	21,455.5806	D	
	01/27/2006		A ⁽⁶⁾	2,365 A \$ 0	23,820.5806	D	

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(1) Contributions and/or reinvestment of dividends under the Company's 401(k) plan during 2005.

(2) \$20.85 - \$23.58

(3) Allocation of shares under the Company's ESOP.

(4) \$200.16 - \$226.37

(5) Shares acquired under the Company's 2000 Long-Term Incentive Compensation Plan as the result of the Company's above-target performance during the three-year period ending December 31, 2005.

Performance shares granted under the Company's 2000 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, 2006 and ending December 31, 2008. For the 2006 - 2008 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 the S&P Small and MidCap Electric Utilities Index 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.

(7) Shares acquired through the Company's dividend reinvestment plan during 2005.

(8) \$20.113 - \$22.378

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