

CARTER STEPHEN M  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
CARTER STEPHEN M

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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
12/31/2006

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Vice President

P.O. BOX 5000

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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PINEVILLE, LA 71361-5000

(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  | (A) or (D)   | Price   |             |   |      |
| Common Stock, \$1 par                 | 12/31/2006                           |  | J <sup>(1)</sup>               |   | 400.4137  | A  | (2)   | 13,048.0693 | D |      |
| Convertible Preferred, Series of 1991 | 12/31/2006                           |  | J <sup>(3)</sup>               |   | 23.0871   | A  | (4)   | 527.4329    | I | ESOP |
| Common Stock, \$1 par                 | 12/31/2006                           |  | F <sup>(5)</sup>               |   | 95  | D  | (6)   | 12,953.0693 | D |      |

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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 Following Transaction (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|---|
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## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                | Relationships |           |                |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|----------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer        | Other |
| CARTER STEPHEN M<br>P.O. BOX 5000<br>PINEVILLE, LA 71361-5000 |               |           | Vice President |       |

## Signatures

Judy P. Miller, Atty-in-Fact for Stephen M. Carter  
Date: 01/04/2007

\_\_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) Contributions and/or reinvestment of dividends under the Company's 401(k) plan during 2006.
- (2) \$22.33 - \$25.24
- (3) Allocation of shares under the Company's ESOP during 2006.
- (4) \$214.37 - \$242.30
- (5) Payment of tax liability by withholding securities incident to the receipt of shares granted under the Company's 2000 Long-Term Incentive Compensation Plan for which restrictions lapsed 12/31/2006.
- (6) The number of shares withheld was based on the closing price of the Company's common stock on 12/29/2006 (\$25.23).

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