

CLECO CORP
Form 8-K
November 20, 2007

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 19, 2007**

CLECO CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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| 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) | 71360-5226 (Zip Code) |
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Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(318) 484-7400**

CLECO POWER LLC

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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| Louisiana (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) | 1-05663 (Commission File Number) | 72-0244480 (IRS Employer Identification No.) |
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 - o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 1.01 Entry Into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On November, 19, 2007, Cleco Power LLC (the “Company”), a wholly owned subsidiary of Cleco Corporation, completed the financing of revenue bonds issued by the Rapides Finance Authority (the “Issuer”) consisting of \$60,000,000 aggregate principal amount of the Issuer’s Revenue Bonds (Cleco Power LLC Project) Series 2007 (the “Bonds”). The Bonds mature on November 1, 2037 and bear interest initially at a floating rate determined for each seven-day auction period pursuant to the auction procedures set forth in the Indenture of Trust (the “Indenture”), dated as of November 1, 2007, between the Issuer and The Bank of New York Trust Company, N.A., as trustee (the “Trustee”), governing the Bonds. The interest rate on the Bonds for the initial seven-day auction period was established at 4.00%, and the first auction date is November 27, 2007. Interest on the Bonds can be changed among daily, seven-day, 28-day, 35-day, three-month, six-month or a flexible auction period as described in the Indenture and can be changed to a fixed rate following mandatory tender for purchase on the date of conversion to such fixed rate.

On November 19, 2007, the Company entered into a Loan Agreement, dated as of November 1, 2007 (the “Agreement”), with the Issuer whereby the Company has agreed to make payments sufficient to pay the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds. The proceeds of the Bonds will be used to pay a portion of the costs of the acquisition, improvement, installation and construction by the Company of facilities for solid waste disposal and sewage disposal facilities at the Company’s solid fuel Rodemacher Unit 3 power plant to be located in Boyce, Rapides Parish, Louisiana (the “Project”).

The payment of the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds when due are insured by a municipal bond new issue insurance policy (the “Bond Insurance Policy”) issued by Financial Guaranty Insurance Company (the “Bond Insurer”). The Company and the Bond Insurer have entered into an Insurance Agreement, dated November 19, 2007, pursuant to which the Company has agreed, among other things, to pay a premium to the Bond Insurer and to reimburse the Bond Insurer for any payments made under the Bond Insurance Policy.

Payment of the principal of and premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds will be secured by an assignment by the Issuer to the Trustee of the Issuer’s interest in the Agreement and all payments to be made under the Agreement (except for certain payments to the Issuer, including payments in respect of certain reimbursable expenses and indemnities). The Bonds will not be secured by a mortgage or a security interest in the Project or any other property of the Company.

The foregoing description of the terms of the Agreement is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Agreement that is attached hereto as Exhibit 4.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

**Item Creation of a Direct Financial Obligation or an Obligation under an Off-Balance Sheet Arrangement
2.03 of a Registrant.**

Please refer to the information set forth in Item 1.01 above.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

The following exhibit is furnished herewith:

4.1 Loan Agreement dated as of November 1, 2007 between Cleco Power LLC and the Rapides Finance Authority.

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 20, 2007

By: /s/ Kathleen F. Nolen
Kathleen F. Nolen
Senior Vice President, Chief Financial
Officer and Treasurer

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: November 20, 2007

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EXHIBIT INDEX

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