CLECO CORP Form 8-K July 20, 2015

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): July 17, 2015

CLECO CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Louisiana 1-15759 72-1445282 (State or other jurisdiction (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer of incorporation) 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

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- o Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- o Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 8.01 Other Events.

As previously announced, on October 20, 2014, Cleco Corporation (the "Company") entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger (the "Merger Agreement") with Cleco Partners L.P. ("Parent"), a Delaware limited partnership, and Cleco Merger Sub, Inc. ("Merger Sub"), a Louisiana corporation and an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of Parent, providing for the merger of Merger Sub with and into the Company (the "Merger"), with the Company surviving the Merger as an indirect, wholly-owned subsidiary of Parent. On February 26, 2015, the Company's shareholders approved the Merger Agreement.

On July 17, 2015, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC") issued an order approving the Merger. A copy of the order has been made available on the Agreement page of the Company's website (https://www.cleco.com/agreement). The press release announcing FERC approval of the Merger is filed as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

99.1 Press Release issued by Cleco Corporation, dated July 20, 2015.

SIGNATURE

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: July 20, 2015 By: /s/ Terry L. Taylor

Terry L. Taylor

Controller and Chief Accounting Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit Number Exhibit Description

99.1 Press Release issued by Cleco Corporation, dated July 20, 2015.