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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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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Lacher Joseph P

C/O TECO ENERGY, INC., P. O.

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

TECO ENERGY INC [TE]

(Month/Day/Year)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

10/01/2012

below) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

Applicable Line)

X_ Director

Officer (give title

Issuer

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

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2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3)

4. Securities Acquired 3. Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A) or Code V Amount (D)

(Instr. 3 and 4) 38,366.799

D

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(First)

(Middle)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Street)

(State)

10/01/2012

1.Title of

Common

Common

Stock

Stock

(City)

(Zip)

Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

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591 (1)

\$ 17.74

Price

(2) $9.565^{(3)}$

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Lacher Joseph P							
C/O TECO ENERGY, INC.	X						
P. O. BOX 111	Λ						
TAMPA, FL 33601-0111							

Signatures

David E. Schwartz, by Power of 10/03/2012 Attorney

> **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) The reported shares were obtained in lieu of cash compensation under the Company's 2010 Equity Incentive Plan.
- (2) Includes shares acquired through dividend reinvestment.
- The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities, and this report shall not be deemed an admission that the reporting person is the beneficial owner of such securities for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose.

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