

This 600-megawatt unit uses Circulating Fluidized-Bed Technology, developed under the United States Department of Energy's Clean-Coal Technology program. It creates good jobs for Louisiana and reduces Cleco's use of natural gas to help lower customer costs.

**Construction:**

Of the nearly billion dollars needed to construct the unit, Cleco estimates it will spend \$482,000,000 on materials, equipment, fuel and labor in Louisiana during the 42-month construction phase. This investment will produce:

- State impact** **\$1,000,000,000** - estimate of increased business activity with nearly half going to firms in the construction sector
- State impact** **\$18,000,000** – estimate of new state treasury revenues
- Local impact** **\$760,000,000** – estimate of increased business activity
- Local impact** **\$12,000,000** – estimate of sales tax increase
- Local impact** Up to **1,200** – estimate of new construction jobs needed to build the unit

**Operation:**

Cleco estimates it will spend \$43,000,000 on materials, labor, fuel and maintenance each year to operate the unit. This investment will produce:

- State impact** **\$77,000,000** – estimated annual increase in business activity
- State impact** **405** – estimate of new jobs created through employee spending and unit purchases of materials, supplies, etc.
- State impact** **\$1,000,000** – estimate of new state revenues each year
- Local impact** **80** – estimate of new employees
- Local impact** **\$157,000,000** – estimated property tax increase over 30-year period
- Local impact** **\$240,000** – estimated annual increase in sales taxes revenue

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