CLECO POWER EXHIBIT 12(b)

## Computation of Ratios of Earnings to Fixed Charges

	FOR THE THE MONTHS EN			FOR THE NINE		FOR THE TWELVE	
					MONTHS ENDED		
(THOUSANDS, EXCEPT RATIOS)			SEPTE	MBER 30, 2008			
Earnings from continuing operations	\$	30,538	\$	90,807	\$	110,333	
Income taxes		10,566		27,135		36,230	
Earnings from continuing operations before income taxes	\$	41,104	\$	117,942	\$	146,563	
Fixed charges:							
Interest, long-term debt	\$	14,747	\$	36,007	\$	44,327	
Interest, other (including interest on short-term debt)		4,623		8,588		7,239	
Amortization of debt expense, premium, net		526		1,366		1,720	
Portion of rentals representative of an interest factor		130		375		502	
Total fixed charges	\$	20,026	\$	46,336	\$	53,788	
Earnings from continuing operations before income taxes	\$	41,104	\$	117,942	\$	146,563	
Plus: total fixed charges from above		20,026		46,336		53,788	
Earnings from continuing operations before income taxes and fixed charges	\$	61,130	\$	164,278	\$	200,351	
Ratio of earnings to fixed charges		3.05	Χ	<b>3.55</b> ×	3.55 ×		