CLECO POWER EXHIBIT 12(b)

## Computation of Ratios of Earnings to Fixed Charges

		FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED		FOR THE SIX Months ended		FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED	
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(THOUSANDS, EXCEPT RATIOS)			JUN	JUNE 30, 2009			
Earnings from continuing operations	\$	30,206	\$	45,224	\$	98,787	
Income taxes		8,916		12,716		24,103	
Earnings from continuing operations before income taxes	\$	39,122	\$	57,940	\$	122,890	
Fixed charges:							
Interest, long-term debt	\$	16,465	\$	33,409	\$	55,132	
Interest, other (including interest on short-term debt)		926		4,790		22,876	
Amortization of debt expense, premium, net		535		1,076		2,127	
Portion of rentals representative of an interest factor		134		197		513	
Total fixed charges	\$	18,060	\$	39,472	\$	80,648	
Earnings from continuing operations before income taxes	\$	39,122	\$	57,940	\$	122,890	
Plus: total fixed charges from above		18,060		39,472		80,648	
Earnings from continuing operations before income taxes and fixed charges	\$	57,182	\$	97,412	\$	203,538	
Ratio of earnings to fixed charges		3.17	3.17 ×			<b>2.52</b> ×	