CLECO POWER EXHIBIT 12(b)

Computation of Ratios of Earnings to Fixed Charges

	F	FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED		FOR THE NINE MONTHS ENDED		FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED	
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(THOUSANDS, EXCEPT RATIOS)			SEPTE	MBER 30, 2011			
Earnings from continuing operations	\$	53,833	\$	119,557	\$	143,377	
Income taxes		31,656		61,935		78,744	
Earnings from continuing operations before income taxes	\$	85,489	\$	181,492	\$	222,121	
Fixed charges:							
Interest, long-term debt	\$	20,776	\$	62,416	\$	81,838	
Interest, other (including interest on short-term debt)		4,258		11,175		13,325	
Amortization of debt expense, premium, net		598		1,795		2,360	
Portion of rentals representative of an interest factor		126		363		464	
Interest of capitalized lease		442		1,356		1,827	
Total fixed charges	\$	26,200	\$	77,105	\$	99,814	
Earnings from continuing operations before income taxes	\$	85,489	\$	181,492	\$	222,121	
Plus: total fixed charges from above		26,200		77,105		99,814	
Earnings from continuing operations before income taxes and fixed charges	\$	111,689	\$	258,597	\$	321,935	
Ratio of earnings to fixed charges	_	4.26	Χ	3.35 X	3.35 × 3.23		