

LACLEDE GROUP INC  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
COOPER BARRY C

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
720 OLIVE STREET  
(Street)

ST. LOUIS, MO 63101

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
LACLEDE GROUP INC [LG]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
11/08/2006

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_X\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Chief Financial Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	11/08/2006		M	2,500 A \$ 23.27	11,838	D	
Common Stock	11/08/2006		M	6,250 A \$ 28.85	18,088	D	
Common Stock	11/08/2006		S	7,410 D \$ 35.491	10,678 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	
Common Stock					912	I	Through 401(k) <sup>(2)</sup>

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 23.27	11/08/2006		M	2,500	<u>(3)</u> 02/05/2013	Common Stock	2,500
Employee Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 28.85	11/08/2006		M	6,250	<u>(4)</u> 11/05/2013	Common Stock	6,250

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
COOPER BARRY C 720 OLIVE STREET ST. LOUIS, MO 63101			Chief Financial Officer	

## Signatures

Barry C. Cooper                      11/09/2006  
 \*\*Signature of                      Date  
 Reporting Person

## 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).

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- Includes shares of performance contingent restricted stock awarded and reported in November 2005 and November 2006 under the
- (1) Company's equity plans and shares acquired through dividend reinvestment under the Company's Dividend Reinvestment and Stock Purchase Plan.
  - (2) Shares held in Company stock fund of 401(k) plan as reported by trustee as of September 30, 2006 and purchased through regular deferrals under the Plan.
  - (3) Options vest in four equal annual installments beginning on February 6, 2004.
  - (4) Options vest in four equal annual installments beginning on November 8, 2004.

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