

LACLEDE GROUP INC  
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**FORM 4**

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

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
NEISES KENNETH J

(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)  
02/09/2005

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

Executive Vice President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

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**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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	02/09/2005		M	3,750	A \$ 23.27	4,000	D
Common Stock	02/09/2005		M	3,750	A \$ 28.85	7,750	D
Common Stock	02/09/2005		S	7,500	D \$ 31	250	D
Common Stock						327,876 <sup>(1)</sup>	I Through 401K
Common Stock						1,500 <sup>(2)</sup>	D

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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	02/09/2005		M	3,750	<sup>(3)</sup> 02/05/2013	Common Stock	3,750
Employee stock options (right to buy)	\$ 28.85	02/09/2005		M	3,750	<sup>(4)</sup> 11/05/2013	Common stock	7,500

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
NEISES KENNETH J 720 OLIVE STREET ST. LOUIS, MO 63101			Executive Vice President	

## Signatures

Kenneth J. Neises  
02/09/2005

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## 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).

(1) Represents shares owned as of December 31, 2004 in the 401K plan and purchased through regular deferrals under the Plan.

(2) Restricted shares previously awarded under equity incentive plan.

(3) Options vest in four equal annual installments beginning on February 6, 2004

The options vest in four equal annual installments beginning on November 8, 2004, and, if the reporting person retires on the mandatory retirement date, will continue to vest for 33 months after the mandatory retirement date, and become 100% vested on the 34th month after the mandatory retirement date.

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