#### YAEGER DOUGLAS H

Form 4

November 04, 2004

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### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

**SECURITIES** 

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1(b).

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* YAEGER DOUGLAS H

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

LACLEDE GROUP INC [LG]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(First)

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

\_X\_\_ Director 10% Owner

(Check all applicable)

720 OLIVE STREET

(Month/Day/Year) 11/03/2004

X\_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)

Chairman, CEO & Pres. 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

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

Applicable Line) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

ST. LOUIS, MO 63101

(City) (State) (Zip)

(Street)

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (T) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Reported (A) Transaction(s)

Code V Amount (D) Price

(Instr. 3 and 4)

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

Conversion or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

any

4. 5. Number of TransactionDerivative Code Securities

6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr.	8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		(Instr. 3 and 4)				
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
employee stock options (right to buy)	\$ 30.95	11/03/2004		A		40,000		<u>(1)</u>	11/03/2014	common stock	40,000	

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
YAEGER DOUGLAS H 720 OLIVE STREET ST. LOUIS, MO 63101	X		Chairman, CEO & Pres.				

## **Signatures**

Douglas H.

Yaeger 11/04/2004

\*\*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).
- The options vest in four equal annual installments beginning on November 4, 2005, and, if he retires on his mandatory retirement date, will continue to vest for 33 months after his mandatory retirement date, and become 100% vested on the 34th month after the mandatory retirement date.

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