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FORM 4

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

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

Issuer

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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

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

LACLEDE GROUP INC [LG]

Symbol

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

| | | | | | | | | | (Clicc | k an applicable | 9 |
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| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 3. Date of | Earlies | t Tra | ansaction | | | | | |
| 720 OLIVE | STREET | | (Month/D 12/06/20 | _ | r) | | | | DirectorX Officer (give below) | | Owner er (specify |
| | | | | endment, Date Original nth/Day/Year) | | | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting | | |
| ST. LOUIS, MO 63101 | | | | | | | | | Person | | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | Table | e I - No | n-D | erivative (| Secur | ities Acq | uired, Disposed of | f, or Beneficial | ly Owned |
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Da (Month/Day/Year | Execution any | med on Date, if Day/Year) | 3. Transa Code (Instr. | | 4. Securities Acquired on(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or Amount (D) Price | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | |
| Common Stock | 12/06/2011 | | | M | | 1,250 | A | \$ 23.27 | 10,754 | D | |
| Common Stock | 12/06/2011 | | | M | | 3,000 | A | \$ 28.85 | 13,754 | D | |
| Common Stock | 12/06/2011 | | | S | | 4,250 | D | \$ 40.26 | 9,504 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | | 890 (1) | I | through 401(k) |

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number proof 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) | |
|---|---|---|---|--|--|--|--------------------|---|--|
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Employee Stock Options (right to buy) | \$ 23.27 | 12/06/2011 | | M | 1,250 | (2) | 02/05/2013 | Common Stock | 1,250 |
| Employee Stock Options (right to buy) | \$ 28.85 | 12/06/2011 | | M | 3,000 | (3) | 11/05/2013 | Common Stock | 3,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|--|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | |

Mathews Steven F 720 OLIVE STREET ST. LOUIS, MO 63101

Vice President

Signatures

Steven F. 12/07/2011 Mathews

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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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) Shares held in Company stock fund of 401(k) plan as reported by trustee as of September 30, 2011 and purchased through regular deferrals under the Plan.
- (2) Options vest in four equal annual installments beginning on February 2004.
- (3) Options vest in four equal annual installments beginning on November 2004.

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