

COOPER BARRY C  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

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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 \*  
COOPER BARRY C

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
09/12/2005

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

ST. LOUIS, MO 63101  
  
(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount (A) or Price (D)   |  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 09/12/2005                           |  | M                              |   | 2,500 A \$ 23.27  | 3,500 <sup>(1)</sup>                                     | D                                 |
| Common Stock                    | 09/12/2005                           |  | M                              |   | 3,125 A \$ 28.85  | 6,625  | D                                 |
| Common Stock                    | 09/12/2005                           |  | S                              |   | 1,300 D \$ 33.98  | 5,325  | D                                 |
| Common Stock                    | 09/12/2005                           |  | S                              |   | 1,200 D \$ 33.95  | 4,125  | D                                 |
| Common Stock                    | 09/12/2005                           |  | P                              |   | 2,840 D \$ 33.95  | 1,285  | D                                 |

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Common Stock 591.1036 <sup>(2)</sup> I Through 401K

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   | 09/12/2005                           |  | M                              | 2,500   | <sup>(3)</sup> 02/05/2013                                | Common Stock  | 2,500                         |
| Employee stock options (right to buy)      | \$ 28.85   | 09/12/2005                           |  | M                              | 3,125   | <sup>(4)</sup> 11/05/2013                                | Common Stock  | 3,125                         |

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

Barry C. Cooper 09/12/2005

\*\*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) Reporting Person had 1,000 shares in the Company's Dividend Reinvestment and Stock Purchase Program.
- (2) Represents shares owned as of July 31, 2005 in the 401K plan and purchased through regular deferrals under the Plan.
- (3) Options began vesting in four equal annual installments on February 6, 2004
- (4) Options began vesting in four equal annual installments on November 6, 2004.

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