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January 29, 2004

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

Form 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): January 29, 2004

THE LACLEDE GROUP, INC.

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(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Missouri

1-16681

74-2976504

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(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

(Commission  
File Number)

(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

720 Olive Street

St. Louis, Missouri

63101

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(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (314) 342-0500  
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NONE

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(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Item 7. Exhibits

Exhibit 99 - The Laclede Group, Inc. earnings news release dated  
January 29, 2004.

This exhibit is furnished under Item 12 below and shall not be  
deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities and Exchange Act  
of 1934, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference into any filing  
with the Securities and Exchange Commission whether made before or after the  
date hereof and regardless of any general incorporation language in such  
filings.

Item 12. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On January 29, 2004, the Company issued its earnings news release

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announcing its results for the quarter ended December 31, 2003 attached hereto as Exhibit 99 and incorporated herein by reference. The information contained in this report, including Exhibit 99, is being furnished and shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference into any filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission whether made before or after the date hereof and regardless of any general incorporation language in such filings.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

THE LACLEDE GROUP, INC.  
(Registrant)

By: /s/ Barry C. Cooper

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Barry C. Cooper  
Chief Financial Officer

January 29, 2004  
(Date)

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