

LACLEDE GAS CO  
Form 8-K  
November 18, 2004

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UNITED STATES  
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):

November 18, 2004

The Laclede Group, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Missouri

1-16681

74-2976504

(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

(Commission  
File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

720 Olive Street, St. Louis, Missouri

63101

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

314-342-0500

Not Applicable

Former name or former address, if changed since last report

Laclede Gas Company

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Missouri

1-1822

43-0368139

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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.**

On November 18, 2004, the Company issued the news release furnished as Exhibit 99.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

Exhibit 99 - November 18, 2004 press release announcing dividend declaration.

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.

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**SIGNATURES**

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.

*November 18, 2004*

The Laclede Group, Inc.

By: *Douglas H. Yaeger*

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*Name: Douglas H. Yaeger*

*Title: Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer*

*November 18, 2004*

Laclede Gas Company

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| <b><u>Exhibit No.</u></b> | <b><u>Description</u></b>                |
|---------------------------|--|
| 99                        | November 18, 2004 dividend press release |