

LACLEDE GROUP INC  
Form 3  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Â Abernathy David P		(Month/Day/Year)	LACLEDE GROUP INC [LG]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
		02/01/2008		
720 OLIVE STREET			(Check all applicable)	
(Street)			<input type="checkbox"/> Director	<input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
ST. LOUIS,Â MOÂ 63101			(give title below)	(specify below)
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Vice President	
				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person
				<input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	151 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	held by 401(k) plan
Common Stock	2,000 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	Â

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Employee Stock Options	Â (3)	11/02/2015	Common Stock	5,500	\$ 30.46	D	Â
Employee Stock Options	Â (4)	11/02/2016	Common Stock	5,500	\$ 34.95	D	Â
Employee Stock Options (right to buy)	Â (5)	11/03/2014	Common Stock	5,500	\$ 30.95	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Abernathy David P 720 OLIVE STREET ST. LOUIS, MO 63101	Â	Â	Â Vice President	Â

## Signatures

David  
Abernathy

02/06/2008

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person                      Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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 January 31, 2008.  
Includes 1,500 shares of performance contingent restricted stock with vesting contingent upon performance and 500 shares of restricted stock with vesting occurring on December 5, 2010. All shares awarded under the Company's Equity Incentive Plans and all shares include dividend and voting rights granted to the reporting person prior to vesting.
- (2)
- (3) Options vest in four equal annual installments beginning on November 4, 2006.
- (4) Options vest in four equal annual installments beginning on November 3, 2007.
- (5) Options vest in four equal annual installments beginning on November 4, 2005.

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### Remarks:

While Mr. Abernathy filed a Form 3 on September 13, 2004, the Board of Directors in its annual

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