LACLEDE GROUP INC Form 8-K January 24, 2002

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 24, 2002

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 (IRS 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

NONE

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

Item 7. Exhibits.

See the Index to Exhibits.

Item 9. Regulation F.D.

On January 24, 2002 the Company issued its news release attached as Exhibit 1.

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## 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/ Gerald T. McNeive, Jr.

Gerald T. McNeive, Jr. Senior Vice President

January 23, 2002 (Date)

Index to Exhibits

Exhibit No.

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The Laclede Group news release dated January 24, 2002.