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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): July 29, 2004

THE LACLEDE GROUP, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

(State or other jurisdiction (Commission (IRS Employer of incorporation) File Number) Identification No.)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (314) 342-0500

NONE

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

Item 7. Exhibits

Exhibit 99.1 - The Laclede Group, Inc. dividend news release dated July 29, 2004.

Exhibit 99.2 - The Laclede Group, Inc. earnings news release dated $\,$ July 29, 2004.

These exhibits are furnished under Items 9 and 12 below and shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, nor shall they 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

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language in such filings.

Item 9. Regulation FD Disclosure.

On July 29, 2004, the Company issued the news release furnished as Exhibit 99.1 relative to the declaration of dividends. The information contained in this report, including Exhibit 99.1, 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.

Item 12. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On July 29, 2004, the Company issued its earnings news release announcing its results for the quarter ended June 30, 2004. The text of that release is included in Exhibit 99.2 attached to this report. The information contained in this report, including Exhibit 99.2, 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

Barry C. Cooper Chief Financial Officer

July 29, 2004 (Date)

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