

LACLEDE GROUP INC  
Form 8-K  
July 28, 2006

**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):**

July 28, 2006

**The Laclede Group, Inc.**

720 Olive Street

St. Louis, Missouri 63101

314-342-0500

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

(Registrant's telephone number including area code)

Missouri

1-16681

74-2976504

(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation)

(Commission File Number)

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

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**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers**

On July 28, 2006, the Company's Board of Directors adopted a resolution increasing the size of the Board from eight to nine and electing Mr. Anthony V. Leness as a director to fill the vacancy created by the change in board size. While Mr. Leness will be in the class of Directors whose term expires at the annual meeting in January 2009, the Company will seek shareholder ratification of his election at the next annual meeting. Mr. Leness retired July 1, 2006 from Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. as its Managing Director Investment Banking - Global Power & Energy Group. From time to time Merrill Lynch has acted as underwriter of public offerings by the Company and Laclede Gas Company, including this year's public offering of Laclede Gas Company's \$55 million 6.15% first mortgage bonds.





**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.

THE LACLEDE GROUP, INC.

Date: July 28, 2006

By: /s/ D. H. Yaeger  
D. H. Yaeger

Chairman, President and Chief Executive  
Officer



