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LACLEDE GROUP INC
Form U-3A-2
February 27, 2003

The Laclede Group, Inc.
File No. 1-16681

FORM U-3A-2

Statement by Holding Company Claiming Exemption
Under Rule U-3A-2 from the Provisions of the
Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935

THE LACLEDE GROUP, INC.
(name of company)

hereby files with the Securities and Exchange Commission, pursuant to Rule 2, its statement claiming exemption as a holding company from the provisions of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, and submits the following information:

1. Name, state of organization, location and nature of business of claimant and every subsidiary thereof, other than any exempt wholesale generator (EWG) or foreign utility company in which claimant directly or indirectly holds an interest.

The Laclede Group, Inc., a Missouri corporation incorporated October 18, 2000, is a holding company that directly or indirectly holds interests in the following subsidiaries, each of whom is organized under the laws of the State of Missouri, except for SM&P Utility Resources, Inc., acquired January 28, 2002 and incorporated under the laws of the State of Indiana and Laclede Capital Trust I, a Delaware statutory trust:

- a. Laclede Gas Company, a public utility that was incorporated in 1857. Its service area includes the City of St. Louis, St. Louis County, the City of St. Charles and parts of St. Charles County, the town of Arnold, and parts of Jefferson, Franklin, St. Francois, Ste. Genevieve, Iron, Madison and Butler Counties, all in Missouri.
- b. Laclede Pipeline Company, which operates a propane pipeline that connects Laclede Gas' propane storage facilities in St. Louis County, Missouri to propane supply terminal facilities located at Wood River and Cahokia, Illinois. Laclede Gas vaporizes the propane to supplement its natural gas supply and meet the peak demands on its distribution system.
- c. Laclede Investment LLC, which invests in other enterprises and has made loans to several joint ventures engaged in real estate development.
- d. Laclede Energy Resources, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of Laclede Investment, which engages in non-utility efforts to market natural gas and related activities.
- e. Laclede Gas Family Services, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of Laclede Energy Resources, which is a registered insurance agency in the State of Missouri, that promotes the sale of insurance-related products.

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- f. Laclede Development Company, which participates in real estate developments, primarily through joint ventures.
- g. Laclede Venture Corp., a wholly owned subsidiary of Laclede Development, which offers services for the compression of natural gas to third parties who desire to use or to sell compressed natural gas in vehicles.
- h. Laclede Energy Services, Inc., which provides energy management services.
- i. SM&P Utility Resources, Inc., which is in the underground locating and marking service business.
- j. Laclede Capital Trust I, which is a Delaware statutory trust.

The business address of the claimant and each of its subsidiaries, except Laclede Energy Resources, Inc. and SM&P Utility Resources, Inc., is:

720 Olive Street
St. Louis, MO 63101

The business address of Laclede Energy Resources, Inc. is:

68 N. Elam
St. Louis, MO 63088

The business address of SM&P Utility Resources, Inc. is:

11455 N. Meridian Street, Suite 200
Carmel, IN 46032

2. A brief description of the properties of claimant and each of its subsidiary public utility companies used for the generation, transmission and distribution of electric energy for sale, or for the production, transmission, and distribution of natural or manufactured gas, indicating the location of principal generating plants, transmission lines, producing fields, gas manufacturing plants, and electric and gas distribution facilities, including all such properties which are outside the State in which claimant and its subsidiaries are organized and all transmission or pipelines which deliver or receive electric energy or gas at the borders of such State.

The Claimant's properties consist primarily of the utility properties of Laclede Gas. Laclede Gas' properties consist primarily of natural gas distribution systems and related facilities and local offices all in the State of Missouri. As of December 31, 2002, Laclede Gas had a natural gas storage field in Missouri designed to provide annual withdrawals of approximately 5.5 million MMBtus of gas based on the inventory level that Laclede Gas plans to maintain; a contractual right to store approximately 23.1 Bcf of natural gas in Louisiana and a liquefied propane storage cavern that has a natural gas equivalent of approximately 3 Bcf.

3. The following information for the last calendar year with respect to claimant and each of its subsidiary public utility companies.

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a. Number of kwh. of electric energy sold (at retail or wholesale), and mcf. of natural gas or manufactured gas distributed at retail.

CLAIMANT	SUBSIDIARY
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The Laclede Group, Inc.	Laclede Gas Company
None	78,148,987 Mcf.

b. Number of kwh. of electric energy and Mcf. of natural or manufactured gas distributed at retail outside the State in which each such company is organized.

CLAIMANT	SUBSIDIARY
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The Laclede Group, Inc.	Laclede Gas Company
None.	None

c. Number of kwh. of electric energy and Mcf. of natural or manufactured gas sold at wholesale outside the State in which each such company is organized, or at the State line.

CLAIMANT	SUBSIDIARY
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The Laclede Group, Inc.	Laclede Gas Company
None	13,499,229 Mcf

d. Number of kwh. of electric energy and Mcf. of natural or manufactured gas purchased outside the State in which each such company is organized or at the State line.

CLAIMANT	SUBSIDIARY
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The Laclede Group, Inc.	Laclede Gas Company
None.	100,435,306 Mcf.

4. The following information for the reporting period with respect to claimant and each interest it holds directly or indirectly in an EWG or a foreign utility company, stating monetary amounts in United States dollars:

a. Name, location, business address and description of the facilities used by the EWG or foreign utility company for the generation, transmission and distribution of electric energy for sale or for the distribution at retail of natural or manufactured gas.

CLAIMANT	SUBSIDIARY
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The Laclede Group, Inc.	Laclede Gas Company
None	None

b. Name of each system company that holds an interest in such EWG or foreign utility company and description of the interest held.

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CLAIMANT -----	SUBSIDIARY -----
The Laclede Group, Inc.	Laclede Gas Company
None	None

c. Type and amount of capital invested, directly or indirectly, by the holding company claiming exemption; any direct or indirect guarantee of the security of the EWG or foreign utility company by the holding company claiming exemption; and any debt or other financial obligation for which there is recourse, directly or indirectly, to the holding company claiming exemption or another system company, other than the EWG or foreign utility company.

CLAIMANT -----	SUBSIDIARY -----
The Laclede Group, Inc.	Laclede Gas Company
None	None

d. Capitalization and earnings of the EWG or foreign utility company during the reporting period.

CLAIMANT -----	SUBSIDIARY -----
The Laclede Group, Inc.	Laclede Gas Company
None.	None

e. Identify any service, sales or construction contract(s) between the EWG or foreign utility company and a system company, and describe the services to be rendered or goods sold and fees or revenues under such agreement(s).

CLAIMANT -----	SUBSIDIARY -----
The Laclede Group, Inc.	Laclede Gas Company
None.	None.

EXHIBIT A

A consolidating statement of income and surplus of the claimant and its subsidiary companies for the last calendar year, together with a consolidating balance sheet of claimant and its subsidiary companies as of the close of such calendar year.

EXHIBIT B

An organizational chart showing the relationship of each EWG or foreign utility company to associate companies in the holding company system.

None.

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The above-named claimant has caused this statement to be duly executed on its behalf by its authorized officer on this 25th day of February, 2003.

The Laclede Group, Inc.

By: /s/ Barry C. Cooper

Name: Barry C. Cooper

Title: Chief Financial Officer

Corporate Seal
Attest:

/s/ Mary C. Kullman

Mary C. Kullman

Name, title and address of officer to whom notices and correspondence concerning this statement should be addressed:

Mary C. Kullman
Corporate Secretary
720 Olive Street
Room 1517
St. Louis, MO 63101

THE LACLEDE GROUP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES
CONSOLIDATING BALANCE SHEETS
DECEMBER 31, 2002
(UNAUDITED)
(THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS)

	The Laclede Group, Inc.	Laclede Gas Company	SM&P Utility Resources, Inc.	Lac Pip Com
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ASSETS				
Utility Plant	\$ -	\$ 998,768	\$ -	\$ -
Less: Accumulated depreciation and				

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amortization	-	398,724	-	
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Net Utility Plant	-	600,044	-	
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Goodwill	-	-	27,462	
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Other Property and Investments	333,282	27,380	11,245	2
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Current Assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	2,589	3,228	655	
Notes Receivable	17,606	-	6,522	1
Accounts receivable - net	3,323	142,683	15,780	
Materials, supplies, and merchandise	-	4,582	-	
Natural gas stored underground for current use	-	78,578	-	
Propane gas for current use	-	14,698	-	
Prepayments and other	-	7,627	2,430	
Deferred income taxes	-	10,459	-	
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Total Current Assets	23,518	261,855	25,387	1
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Deferred Charges:				
Prepaid pension cost	-	113,095	-	
Regulatory assets	-	73,076	-	
Other	1,740	4,122	-	
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Total deferred charges	1,740	190,293	-	
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Total Assets	\$358,540	\$1,079,572	\$64,094	\$ 3
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CAPITALIZATION AND LIABILITIES				
Capitalization:				
Common stock and Paid-in capital	\$ 84,569	\$ 82,579	\$43,121	\$
Retained earnings (deficit)	211,259	188,949	1,265	3
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	-	(339)	-	
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Total common stock equity	295,828	271,189	44,386	3
Redeemable preferred stock - Laclede Gas	-	1,266	-	
Obligated mandatorily redeemable preferred securities of subsidiary trust	46,400	-	-	
Long-term debt (less sinking fund requirements) - Laclede Gas	-	259,566	-	
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Total Capitalization	342,228	532,021	44,386	3
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Current Liabilities:				
Notes payable	15,690	181,041	-	
Accounts payable	744	68,121	7,079	
Advance customer billings	-	11,359	-	
Current portion of long-term debt	-	25,000	-	
Taxes accrued	(269)	11,914	(401)	
Unamortized purchased gas adjustment	-	16,879	-	
Other	147	29,626	12,081	
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Total Current Liabilities	16,312	343,940	18,759	
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Deferred Credits and Other Liabilities:				
Deferred income taxes	-	159,545	447	

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Unamortized investment tax credits	-	5,551	-	
Pension and postretirement benefit costs	-	16,391	-	
Other	-	22,124	502	
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Total Deferred Credits and Other Liabilities	-	203,611	949	
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Total Capitalization and Liabilities	\$358,540	\$1,079,572	\$64,094	\$ 3
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	Laclede Energy Services, Inc.	Laclede Capital Trust I	Eliminations	
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ASSETS				
Utility Plant	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Less: Accumulated depreciation and amortization	-	-	-	
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Net Utility Plant	-	-	-	
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Goodwill	-	-	-	
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Other Property and Investments	-	46,400	(379,680)	
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Current Assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	316	-	-	
Notes Receivable	-	144	(28,842)	
Accounts receivable - net	50	-	(10,554)	
Materials, supplies, and merchandise	-	-	-	
Natural gas stored underground for current use	-	-	-	
Propane gas for current use	-	-	-	
Prepayments and other	-	-	-	
Deferred income taxes	-	-	-	
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Total Current Assets	366	144	(39,396)	
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Deferred Charges:				
Prepaid pension cost	-	-	-	
Regulatory assets	-	-	-	
Other	-	-	-	
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Total deferred charges	-	-	-	
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Total Assets	\$ 366	\$46,544	\$ (419,076)	
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CAPITALIZATION AND LIABILITIES				
Capitalization:				
Common stock and Paid-in capital	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (141,345)	
Retained earnings (deficit)	21	(4)	(190,538)	
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	-	-	-	
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Total common stock equity	21	(4)	(331,883)	
Redeemable preferred stock - Laclede Gas	-	-	-	
Obligated mandatorily redeemable preferred				

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securities of subsidiary trust	-	46,400	(47,800)
Long-term debt (less sinking fund requirements) - Laclede Gas	-	-	-
Total Capitalization	21	46,396	(379,683)
Current Liabilities:			
Notes payable	-	-	(28,691)
Accounts payable	321	-	(10,554)
Advance customer billings	-	-	-
Current portion of long-term debt	-	-	-
Taxes accrued	24	-	-
Unamortized purchased gas adjustment	-	-	-
Other	-	148	(148)
Total Current Liabilities	345	148	(39,393)
Deferred Credits and Other Liabilities:			
Deferred income taxes	-	-	-
Unamortized investment tax credits	-	-	-
Pension and postretirement benefit costs	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-
Total Deferred Credits and Other Liabilities	-	-	-
Total Capitalization and Liabilities	\$ 366	\$46,544	\$ (419,076)

THE LACLEDE GROUP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES
CONSOLIDATING BALANCE SHEETS
DECEMBER 31, 2002
(UNAUDITED)
(THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS)

	Laclede Development Company	Laclede Venture Corporation	Elimina
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ASSETS			
Utility Plant	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Less: Accumulated depreciation and amortization	-	-	-
Net Utility Plant	-	-	-
Goodwill	-	-	-
Other Property and Investments	5,001	1,057	(1,

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Current Assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents	11	569	
Notes Receivable	5,285	-	(
Accounts receivable - net	-	-	
Materials, supplies, and merchandise	-	-	
Natural gas stored underground for current use	-	-	
Propane gas for current use	-	-	
Prepayments and other	45	-	
Deferred income taxes	-	-	
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Total Current Assets	5,341	569	(
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Deferred Charges:			
Prepaid pension cost	-	-	
Regulatory assets	-	-	
Other	-	25	
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Total deferred charges	-	25	
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Total Assets	\$10,342	\$ 1,651	\$(2,
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CAPITALIZATION AND LIABILITIES			
Capitalization:			
Common stock and Paid-in capital	\$ 6,211	\$ 1,685	\$(1,
Retained earnings (deficit)	3,448	(1,478)	
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	-	-	
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Total common stock equity	9,659	207	(1,
Redeemable preferred stock - Laclede Gas	-	-	
Obligated mandatorily redeemable preferred securities of subsidiary trust	-	-	
Long-term debt (less sinking fund requirements) - Laclede Gas	-	-	
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Total Capitalization	9,659	207	(1,
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Current Liabilities:			
Notes payable	-	928	(
Accounts payable	243	170	
Advance customer billings	-	-	
Current portion of long-term debt	-	-	
Taxes accrued	87	(30)	
Unamortized purchased gas adjustment	-	-	
Other	-	-	
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Total Current Liabilities	330	1,068	(
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Deferred Credits and Other Liabilities:			
Deferred income taxes	353	297	
Unamortized investment tax credits	-	-	
Pension and postretirement benefit costs	-	-	
Other	-	79	
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Total Deferred Credits and Other Liabilities	353	376	
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Total Capitalization and Liabilities	\$10,342 =====	\$ 1,651 =====	\$ (2, =====
	Laclede Investment LLC -----	Laclede Energy Resources, Inc. -----	Laclede Ga Family Services, I -----
ASSETS			
Utility Plant	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Less: Accumulated depreciation and amortization	-	-	-
Net Utility Plant	-	-	-
Goodwill	-	-	-
Other Property and Investments	8,009	1,952	-
Current Assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents	11	1,349	106
Notes Receivable	-	(788)	7,041
Accounts receivable - net	-	17,401	166
Materials, supplies, and merchandise	-	-	-
Natural gas stored underground for current use	-	25	-
Propane gas for current use	-	-	-
Prepayments and other	-	3,777	-
Deferred income taxes	-	-	-
Total Current Assets	11	21,764	7,313
Deferred Charges:			
Prepaid pension cost	-	-	-
Regulatory assets	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-
Total deferred charges	-	-	-
Total Assets	\$ 8,020 =====	\$23,716 =====	\$ 7,313 =====
CAPITALIZATION AND LIABILITIES			
Capitalization:			
Common stock and Paid-in capital	\$ 10,891	\$ 7,273	\$ 201
Retained earnings (deficit)	(12,098)	194	6,800
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	-	-	-
Total common stock equity	(1,207)	7,467	7,001
Redeemable preferred stock - Laclede Gas	-	-	-
Obligated mandatorily redeemable preferred securities of subsidiary trust	-	-	-
Long-term debt (less sinking fund requirements) - Laclede Gas	-	-	-
Total Capitalization	(1,207)	7,467	7,001

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Current Liabilities:			
Notes payable	7,041	-	-
Accounts payable	2,257	15,387	197
Advance customer billings	-	-	-
Current portion of long-term debt	-	-	-
Taxes accrued	(71)	1,469	46
Unamortized purchased gas adjustment	-	-	-
Other	-	120	-
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Total Current Liabilities	9,227	16,976	243
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Deferred Credits and Other Liabilities:			
Deferred income taxes	-	(727)	-
Unamortized investment tax credits	-	-	-
Pension and postretirement benefit costs	-	-	-
Other	-	-	69
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Total Deferred Credits and Other Liabilities	-	(727)	69
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Total Capitalization and Liabilities	\$ 8,020	\$23,716	\$ 7,313
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THE LACLEDE GROUP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES
CONSOLIDATING STATEMENTS OF INCOME
TWELVE MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2002
(UNAUDITED)
(THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS)

	The Laclede Group, Inc.	Laclede Gas Company	SM&P Resour
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Operating Revenues:			
Regulated			
Gas distribution	\$ -	\$626,051	\$ -
Non-Regulated			
Services	-	-	12
Other	-	2,564	-
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Total Operating Revenues	-	628,615	12
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Operating Expenses:			
Regulated			
Natural and propane gas	-	358,294	-
Other operation expenses	-	111,075	-
Maintenance	-	17,943	-
Depreciation and amortization	-	23,126	-
Taxes, other than income taxes	-	49,571	-
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Total regulated operating expenses	-	560,009	
Non-Regulated			
Services	-	-	12
Other	14	2,633	
Total Operating Expenses	14	562,642	12
Operating Income	(14)	65,973	
Other Income and Income Deductions - Net	364	669	
Equity Income in Subsidiaries	29,621	-	
Income Before Interest and Income Taxes	29,971	66,642	
Interest Charges:			
Interest on long-term debt	-	20,820	
Preferred dividends and distributions of subsidiary trust	144	-	
Other interest charges	93	4,002	
Total Interest Charges	237	24,822	
Income Before Income Taxes	29,734	41,820	
Income Taxes	42	14,773	
Dividends on Redeemable Preferred Stock - Laclede Gas	-	63	
Net Income Applicable to Common Stock	\$29,692	\$ 26,984	\$

	Laclede Investment, LLC	Laclede Energy Services, Inc.	Laclede Capi Trust I
Operating Revenues:			
Regulated			
Gas distribution	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Non-Regulated			
Services	-	-	-
Other	85,499	365	-
Total Operating Revenues	85,499	365	-
Operating Expenses:			
Regulated			
Natural and propane gas	-	-	-
Other operation expenses	-	-	-
Maintenance	-	-	-
Depreciation and amortization	-	-	-
Taxes, other than income taxes	-	-	-
Total regulated operating expenses	-	-	-
Non-Regulated			
Services	-	-	-
Other	83,572	331	-
Total Operating Expenses	83,572	331	-
Operating Income	1,927	34	-
Other Income and Income Deductions - Net	21	-	144

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Equity Income in Subsidiaries	-	-	-
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Income Before Interest and Income Taxes	1,948	34	144
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Interest Charges:			
Interest on long-term debt	-	-	-
Preferred dividends and distributions of subsidiary trust	-	-	148
Other interest charges	7	1	-
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Total Interest Charges	7	1	148
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Income Before Income Taxes	1,941	33	(4)
Income Taxes	750	12	-
Dividends on Redeemable Preferred Stock - Laclede Gas	-	-	-
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Net Income Applicable to Common Stock	\$ 1,191	\$ 21	\$ (4)
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THE LACLEDE GROUP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES
CONSOLIDATING STATEMENTS OF INCOME
TWELVE MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2002
(UNAUDITED)
(THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS)

	Laclede Development Company	Laclede Ventur Corporation
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Operating Revenues:		
Regulated		
Gas distribution	\$ -	\$ -
Non-Regulated		
Services	-	-
Other	113	377
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Total Operating Revenues	113	377
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Operating Expenses:		
Regulated		
Natural and propane gas	-	-
Other operation expenses	-	-
Maintenance	-	-
Depreciation and amortization	-	-
Taxes, other than income taxes	-	-
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Total regulated operating expenses	-	-
Non-Regulated		
Services	-	-
Other	112	282
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Total Operating Expenses	112	282
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Operating Income	1	95
Other Income and Income Deductions - Net	127	-
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Income Before Interest and Income Taxes	128	95
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Interest Charges:		
Interest on long-term debt	-	-
Preferred dividends and distributions of subsidiary trust	-	-
Other interest charges	1	29
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Total Interest Charges	1	29
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Income Before Income Taxes	127	66
Income Taxes	92	20
Dividends on Redeemable Preferred Stock - Laclede Gas	-	-
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Net Income Applicable to Common Stock	\$ 35	\$ 46
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	Laclede Investment LLC	Laclede Energy Resources, Inc.	Laclede Gas Family Services, Inc.
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Operating Revenues:			
Regulated			
Gas distribution	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Non-Regulated			
Services	-	-	-
Other	7	85,377	115
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Total Operating Revenues	7	85,377	115
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Operating Expenses:			
Regulated			
Natural and propane gas	-	-	-
Other operation expenses	-	-	-
Maintenance	-	-	-
Depreciation and amortization	-	-	-
Taxes, other than income taxes	-	-	-
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Total regulated operating expenses	-	-	-
Non-Regulated			
Services	-	-	-
Other	22	83,437	113
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Total Operating Expenses	22	83,437	113
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Operating Income	(15)	1,940	2
Other Income and Income Deductions - Net	-	21	378
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Income Before Interest and Income Taxes	(15)	1,961	380
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Interest Charges:			
Interest on long-term debt	-	-	-
Preferred dividends and distributions of subsidiary trust	-	-	-

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Other interest charges	384	1	-
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Total Interest Charges	384	1	-
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Income Before Income Taxes	(399)	1,960	380
Income Taxes	(153)	757	146
Dividends on Redeemable Preferred Stock - Laclede Gas	-	-	-
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Net Income Applicable to Common Stock	\$ (246)	\$ 1,203	\$234
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THE LACLEDE GROUP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES
STATEMENT OF CONSOLIDATING RETAINED EARNINGS
12 MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2002
(UNAUDITED)
(THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS)

	The Laclede Group, Inc.	Laclede Gas Company	SM&P Utility Resources, Inc.	Laclede Pipel Compa
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Balance at Beginning of Year	\$ 206,907	\$ 187,305	\$ -	\$ 8,3
Add - Net Income, per statements	29,692	26,984	1,265	
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Total	236,599	214,289	1,265	8,4
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Deduct - Cash Dividends Declared:				
Common stock	25,340	25,340	-	
Charges to Retained Earnings	-	-	-	5,0
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Total	25,340	25,340	-	5,0
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Balance at End of Year	\$ 211,259	\$ 188,949	\$ 1,265	\$ 3,4
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	Laclede Energy Services, Inc.	Laclede Capital Trust I	Eliminat
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Balance at Beginning of Year	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (191,2
Add - Net Income, per statements	21	(4)	(29,6
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Total	21	(4)	(220,8
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Deduct - Cash Dividends Declared:			
Common stock	-	-	(25,3
Charges to Retained Earnings	-	-	(5,0
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Total	-	-	(30,3
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Balance at End of Year	\$ 21	\$ (4)	\$ (190,5
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THE LACLEDE GROUP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES
STATEMENT OF CONSOLIDATING RETAINED EARNINGS
12 MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2002
(UNAUDITED)
(THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS)

	Laclede Development Company	Laclede Venture Corporation	Eliminati
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Balance at Beginning of Year	\$ 3,413	\$ (1,524)	\$ -
Add - Net Income, per statements	35	46	-
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Total	3,448	(1,478)	-
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Deduct - Cash Dividends Declared:			
Common stock	-	-	-
Charges to Retained Earnings	-	-	-
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Total	-	-	-
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Balance at End of Year	\$ 3,448	\$ (1,478)	\$ -
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	Laclede Investment LLC	Laclede Energy Resources, Inc.	Laclede Gas Family Services, Inc.
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Balance at Beginning of Year	\$ (11,852)	\$ (1,009)	\$ 6,566
Add - Net Income, per statements	(246)	1,203	234
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Total	(12,098)	194	6,800
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Deduct - Cash Dividends Declared:			
Common stock	-	-	-
Charges to Retained Earnings	-	-	-
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Total	-	-	-

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Balance at End of Year	----- \$ (12,098) =====	----- \$ 194 =====	----- \$ 6,800 =====
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