

COOPER BARRY C
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
COOPER BARRY C

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
LACLEDE GROUP INC [LG]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
720 OLIVE STREET
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
09/12/2005

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Chief Financial Officer

ST. LOUIS, MO 63101
(City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount (A) or Price (D)		
Common Stock	09/12/2005		M		2,500 A \$ 23.27	3,500 ⁽¹⁾	D
Common Stock	09/12/2005		M		3,125 A \$ 28.85	6,625	D
Common Stock	09/12/2005		S		1,300 D \$ 33.98	5,325	D
Common Stock	09/12/2005		S		1,200 D \$ 33.95	4,125	D
Common Stock	09/12/2005		P		2,840 D \$ 33.95	1,285	D

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Common Stock 591.1036 ⁽²⁾ I Through 401K

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

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Employee stock options (right to buy)	\$ 23.27	09/12/2005		M	2,500	⁽³⁾ 02/05/2013	Common Stock	2,500
Employee stock options (right to buy)	\$ 28.85	09/12/2005		M	3,125	⁽⁴⁾ 11/05/2013	Common Stock	3,125

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
COOPER BARRY C 720 OLIVE STREET ST. LOUIS, MO 63101			Chief Financial Officer	

Signatures

Barry C. Cooper 09/12/2005
 **Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(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) Reporting Person had 1,000 shares in the Company's Dividend Reinvestment and Stock Purchase Program.
- (2) Represents shares owned as of July 31, 2005 in the 401K plan and purchased through regular deferrals under the Plan.
- (3) Options began vesting in four equal annual installments on February 6, 2004
- (4) Options began vesting in four equal annual installments on November 6, 2004.

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