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LACLEDE GROUP INC Form 8-K January 29, 2004

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 29, 2004

THE LACLEDE GROUP, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Missouri 1-16681 74-2976504

(State or other jurisdiction (Commission (IRS Employer of incorporation) File Number) 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

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

Item 7. Exhibits.

Exhibit 99 - The Laclede Group news release dated January 29, 2004.

This exhibit is furnished under Item 9 below 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 9. Regulation FD Disclosure.

On January 29, 2004, the Company issued the news release furnished as Exhibit 99. The information contained in this report, including Exhibit

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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/ Barry C. Cooper

Barry C. Cooper Chief Financial Officer

January 29, 2004 (Date)

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The Laclede Group, Inc. news release dated January 29, 2004.