

LACLEDE GROUP INC  
Form 8-K  
September 20, 2007

**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):**

September 20, 2007

<i>Commission File No.</i>	<i>Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter and Principal Office Address and Telephone Number</i>	<i>State of Incorporation</i>	<i>I.R.S. Employer Identification Number</i>
	<b>The Laclede Group, Inc.</b>		
1-16681	720 Olive Street St. Louis, MO 63101 314-342-0500	Missouri	74-2976504
	<b>Laclede Gas Company</b>		
1-1822	720 Olive Street St. Louis, MO 63101 314-342-0500	Missouri	43-0368139

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**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

(e) On September 20, 2007, the Company and Mr. Barry Cooper, Chief Financial Officer, reached a binding agreement as to the terms of his separation effective at the end of the day on September 30, 2007. Under the agreement, Mr. Cooper will be entitled to receive twelve monthly payments beginning November 1, 2007 that in aggregate equal his annual base salary as of September 1, 2007. With regard to Mr. Cooper's benefits under Company plans in which he participates, he will receive only those benefits as provided in accordance with the terms of each of such plans. In addition, the Company agrees to pay for outplacement services until the first to occur of acceptance of employment elsewhere or September 30, 2008. The agreement includes confidentiality, non-solicitation, non-disparagement, and release of claims provisions for the benefit of the Company.

**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: September 20, 2007

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

Chairman, President, and

Chief Executive Officer

LACLEDE GAS COMPANY

Date: September 20, 2007

By: /s/ D. H. Yaeger  
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Chief Executive Officer