

LACLEDE GROUP INC  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
**SKAU RICHARD A**

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

**ST. LOUIS, MO 63101**

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
**11/16/2006**

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
**Vice President**

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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 (D)	Price			
Common Stock	11/16/2006		M		1,250	A	\$ 23.27	5,250	D	
Common Stock	11/16/2006		M		4,500	A	\$ 28.85	9,750	D	
Common Stock	11/16/2006		S		4,808	D	\$ 36.8	4,942 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	
Common Stock								1,325	I	Through 401(k) <sup>(2)</sup>

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	11/16/2006		M	1,250	<u>(3)</u> 02/05/2013	Common Stock	1,250
Employee Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 28.85	11/16/2006		M	4,500	<u>(4)</u> 11/05/2013	Common Stock	4,500

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SKAU RICHARD A 720 OLIVE STREET ST. LOUIS, MO 63101			Vice President	

## Signatures

Richard A. Skau                      11/17/2006  
 \*\*Signature of                      Date  
 Reporting Person

## 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).

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- (1) Includes shares of performance contingent restricted stock awarded and reported in November 2005 under the Company's Equity Plan and awarded November 2, 2006, reported November 3, 2006, under the Company's 2006 Equity Incentive Plan.
- (2) Shares held in Company stock fund of 401(k) plan as reported by trustee as of September 30, 2006 and purchased through regular deferrals under the Plan.
- (3) Options vest in four equal annual installments beginning on February 6, 2004.
- (4) Options vest in four equal annual installments beginning on November 8, 2004.

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