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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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1 Name and Address of Departing Da

Abernathy David P			2. Issuer Name Symbol	and Ticker or Trading	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		
			LACLEDE G	ROUP INC [LG]	(Chec	ck all applicable)	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earlie	st Transaction			
			(Month/Day/Yea	r)	Director	10% Owner	
720 OLIVE STREET			11/24/2008			re title Other (specify	
					below)	below) ice President	
	(Street)		4. If Amendment	t, Date Original	6. Individual or J	oint/Group Filing(Check	
			Filed(Month/Day/	Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by	One Reporting Person	
ST. LOUIS	, MO 63101				Form filed by I Person	More than One Reporting	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - No	on-Derivative Securities Acc	quired, Disposed o	of, or Beneficially Owned	
1.Title of	2. Transaction	Date 2A. Deer	ned 3.	4. Securities Acquired	5. Amount of	6. Ownership 7. Nature of	

(City)	(State) ((Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned							
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	n Date 2A. Deemed Year) Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		4. Securities Acquired on(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	11/24/2008		M	2,500	A	\$ 30.95	6,500	D	
Common Stock	11/24/2008		M	4,125	A	\$ 30.46	10,625	D	
Common Stock	11/24/2008		S	6,625	D	\$ 54	4,000 (1)	D	
Common Stock							194 (2)	I	held by 401(k) plan

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

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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 proof 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)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Options	\$ 30.46	11/24/2008		M	4,125	<u>(3)</u>	11/02/2015	Common Stock	4,125
Employee Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 30.95	11/24/2008		M	2,500	<u>(4)</u>	11/03/2014	Common Stock	2,500

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Re	lationships	

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Abernathy David P

720 OLIVE STREET Vice President

ST. LOUIS, MO 63101

Signatures

David P. Abernathy 11/24/2008

**Signature of Date
Reporting Person

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Reporting Owners 2

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Includes prior awards of performance contingent restricted stock and time vested restricted stock; all as awarded under the Company's Equity Incentive Plans.

- (2) Shares held in Company stock fund of 401(k) plan as reported by trustee as of October 31, 2008 and purchased through regular deferrals under the Plan.
- (3) Options vest in four equal annual installments beginning on November 3, 2006.
- (4) Options vest in four equal annual installments beginning on November 4, 2005.

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