

LACLEDE GROUP INC  
Form 8-K  
January 27, 2005

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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):

January 27, 2005

The Laclede Group, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Missouri

1-16681

74-2976504

(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

(Commission  
File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer  
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

Not Applicable

Former name or former address, if changed since last report

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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**Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.**

See Item 7.01

**Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.**

On January 27, 2005, the Company issued its earnings news release announcing its unaudited results for the quarter ended December 31, 2004. The text of that release is included in Exhibit 99.1 attached to this report.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(c) Exhibits

99.1 Press release of The Laclede Group, Inc., dated January 27, 2005.

The information contained in this report, including Exhibit 99.1, is being furnished 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.

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**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.

*January 26, 2005*

*By: Douglas H. Yaeger*

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*Name: Douglas H. Yaeger  
Title: Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive  
Officer*

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<b><u>Exhibit No.</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>
99.1	First Quarter Earnings Press Release