

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 \*  
**PENDERGAST MICHAEL C**

(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)  
 02/09/2005

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, Assoc. G. C.

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount Price			
Common Stock	02/09/2005		M	1,500 A \$ 23.27	1,500	D	
Common Stock	02/09/2005		M	1,500 A \$ 28.85	3,000	D	
Common Stock	02/09/2005		S	2,600 D \$ 30.92	400	D	
Common Stock	02/09/2005		S	400 D \$ 31.10	0	D	
Common Stock					1,794.814 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	Through 401K



## Explanation of Responses:

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\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

(1) Represents shares owned as of December 31, 2004 in the 401K plan and purchased through regular deferrals under the Plan.

(2) Options vest in four equal annual installments beginning on February 6, 2004.

(3) Options vest in four equal annual installments beginning on November 8, 2004.

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