

COOPER BARRY C  
Form 4  
September 13, 2005

**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
COOPER BARRY 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)  
09/12/2005

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_X\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_ Other (specify  
below)

Chief Financial Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
\_X\_ 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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	09/12/2005		M		2,500	A	\$ 23.27	3,500 <u>(1)</u>	D	
Common Stock	09/12/2005		M		3,125	A	\$ 28.85	6,625	D	
Common Stock	09/12/2005		S		1,300	D	\$ 33.98	5,325	D	
Common Stock	09/12/2005		S		1,200	D	\$ 33.95	4,125	D	
Common Stock	09/12/2005		P		2,840	D	\$ 33.95	1,285	D	

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Common Stock 591.1036 <sup>(2)</sup> I Through 401K

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	09/12/2005		M	2,500	<sup>(3)</sup> 02/05/2013	Common Stock	2,500
Employee stock options (right to buy)	\$ 28.85	09/12/2005		M	3,125	<sup>(4)</sup> 11/05/2013	Common Stock	3,125

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
COOPER BARRY C 720 OLIVE STREET ST. LOUIS, MO 63101	Director 10% Owner Officer Other Chief Financial Officer

## Signatures

Barry C. Cooper 09/12/2005  
 \*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

## 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).

- (1) Reporting Person had 1,000 shares in the Company's Dividend Reinvestment and Stock Purchase Program.
- (2) Represents shares owned as of July 31, 2005 in the 401K plan and purchased through regular deferrals under the Plan.
- (3) Options began vesting in four equal annual installments on February 6, 2004
- (4) Options began vesting in four equal annual installments on November 6, 2004.

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