

Abernathy David P
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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 *
 Abernathy David P

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 03/15/2012

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

ST. LOUIS, MO 63101
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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	03/15/2012		M	1,375 A \$ 30.46	8,953	D	
Common Stock	03/15/2012		S	1,375 D \$ 40.07	7,578 ⁽¹⁾	D	
Common Stock					533 ⁽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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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	\$ 30.46	03/15/2012		M	1,375	(3) 11/02/2015	Common Stock	1,375

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Abernathy David P 720 OLIVE STREET ST. LOUIS, MO 63101			Vice President	

Signatures

Mary C. Kullman Attorney in Fact for David P.
Abernathy
03/19/2012

**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) 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 December 2, 2011 and purchased through regular deferrals under the Plan.
- (3) Options vest in four equal annual installments beginning on November 3, 2006.

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