

KRUTZMAN RONALD L
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FORM 4

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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 *
 KRUTZMAN RONALD L

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)
 11/03/2004

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

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)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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) | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|-----|-------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Code | V | Amount | (D) | Price |

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 | 2. Conversion or Exercise | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 4. Transaction Code | 5. Number of Derivative Securities | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities | 8. ... |
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| (Instr. 3) | Price of Derivative Security | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | (Instr. 3 and 4) | (Instr. 3 and 4) | (Instr. 3 and 4) | (Instr. 3 and 4) | (Instr. 3 and 4) | |
|---|------------------------------------|------------------|------------|---|------------------|------------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------------|--|
| | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| employee stock options (right to buy) | \$ 30.95 | 11/03/2004 | A | | 5,000 | | (1) | 11/03/2014 | common stock | 5,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-----------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| KRUTZMAN RONALD L 720 OLIVE STREET ST. LOUIS, MO 63101 | | | Treasurer | |

Signatures

R. L. Krutzman 11/04/2004
 __Signature of Date
 Reporting Person

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).
- The options vest in four equal annual installments beginning on November 4, 2005, and, if he retires on his mandatory retirement date, (1) will continue to vest for 33 months after his mandatory retirement date, and become 100% vested on the 34th month after his mandatory retirement date.

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