

LACLEDE GROUP INC  
Form 8-K  
December 10, 2002

**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): December 9, 2002

**THE LACLEDE GROUP, INC.**

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(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

<b>Missouri</b>	<b>1-16681</b>	<b>74-2976504</b>
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)
<b>720 Olive Street</b>	<b>St. Louis, Missouri</b>	<b>63101</b>
(Address of principal executive offices)		(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (314) 342-0500

**NONE**

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(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

**Item 5. Other Events.**

On December 9, 2002, The Laclede Group, Inc., a Missouri corporation (the Company ), entered into an Underwriting Agreement relating to the sale of 1,800,000 7.70% Trust Preferred Securities of Laclede Capital Trust I under a registration statement on Form S-3 (No. 333-86722) (the Registration Statement ). This Form 8-K is being filed for the purpose of filing certain exhibits to the Registration Statement.

**Item 7. Exhibits.**

See the Index to Exhibits.

**SIGNATURE**

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.**  
(Registrant)

/s/ BARRY C.  
COOPER

By:

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**Barry C. Cooper**  
**Chief Financial**  
**Officer**

December 9, 2002  
(Date)

**Index to Exhibits**

**Exhibit  
No.**

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| 1  | Underwriting Agreement                                 |
| 8  | Tax Opinion of Thompson Coburn LLP                     |
| 23 | Consent of Thompson Coburn LLP (included in Exhibit 8) |