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Form U-3A-2
February 26, 2004

The Laclede Group, Inc.
File No. 1-16681

FORM U-3A-2

Statement by Holding Company Claiming Exemption
Under Rule U-3A-2 from the Provisions of the
Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935

THE LACLEDE GROUP, INC.
(name of company)

hereby files with the Securities and Exchange Commission, pursuant to Rule 2, its statement claiming exemption as a holding company from the provisions of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, and submits the following information:

1. Name, state of organization, location and nature of business of claimant and every subsidiary thereof, other than any exempt wholesale generator (EWG) or foreign utility company in which claimant directly or indirectly holds an interest.

The Laclede Group, Inc., a Missouri corporation incorporated October 18, 2000, is a holding company that directly or indirectly holds interests in the following subsidiaries, each of whom is organized under the laws of the State of Missouri, except for SM&P Utility Resources, Inc., acquired January 28, 2002 and incorporated under the laws of the State of Indiana and Laclede Capital Trust I, a Delaware statutory trust:

- a. Laclede Gas Company, a public utility that was incorporated in 1857. Its service area includes the City of St. Louis, St. Louis County, the City of St. Charles and parts of St. Charles County, the town of Arnold, and parts of Jefferson, Franklin, St. Francois, Ste. Genevieve, Iron, Madison and Butler Counties, all in Missouri.
- b. Laclede Pipeline Company, which operates a propane pipeline that connects Laclede Gas' propane storage facilities in St. Louis County, Missouri to propane supply terminal facilities located at Wood River and Cahokia, Illinois. Laclede Gas vaporizes the propane to supplement its natural gas supply and meet the peak demands on its distribution system.
- c. Laclede Investment LLC, which invests in other enterprises and has made loans to several joint ventures engaged in real estate development.
- d. Laclede Energy Resources, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of Laclede Investment, which engages in non-utility efforts to market natural gas and related activities.
- e. Laclede Gas Family Services, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of Laclede Energy Resources, which is a registered insurance agency in the State of Missouri, that promotes the sale of insurance-related products.

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- f. Laclede Development Company, which participates in real estate developments, primarily through joint ventures.
- g. Laclede Venture Corp., a wholly owned subsidiary of Laclede Development, which offers services for the compression of natural gas to third parties who desire to use or to sell compressed natural gas in vehicles.
- h. SM&P Utility Resources, Inc., which is in the underground locating and marking service business.
- i. Laclede Capital Trust I, which is a Delaware statutory trust.

The business address of the claimant and each of its subsidiaries, except Laclede Energy Resources, Inc. and SM&P Utility Resources, Inc., is:

720 Olive Street
St. Louis, MO 63101

The business address of Laclede Energy Resources, Inc. is:

68 N. Elam
St. Louis, MO 63088

The business address of SM&P Utility Resources, Inc. is:

11455 N. Meridian Street, Suite 200
Carmel, IN 46032

Laclede Energy Services, Inc., a Missouri corporation, became operational on May 1, 2002 and was dissolved on April 14, 2003. It performed administrative gas supply and risk management services.

2. A brief description of the properties of claimant and each of its subsidiary public utility companies used for the generation, transmission and distribution of electric energy for sale, or for the production, transmission, and distribution of natural or manufactured gas, indicating the location of principal generating plants, transmission lines, producing fields, gas manufacturing plants, and electric and gas distribution facilities, including all such properties which are outside the State in which claimant and its subsidiaries are organized and all transmission or pipelines which deliver or receive electric energy or gas at the borders of such State.

The Claimant's properties consist primarily of the utility properties of Laclede Gas. Laclede Gas' properties consist primarily of natural gas distribution systems and related facilities and local offices all in the State of Missouri. As of December 31, 2003, Laclede Gas had a natural gas storage field in Missouri designed to provide annual withdrawals of approximately 5.5 million MMBtus of gas based on the inventory level that Laclede Gas plans to maintain; a contractual right to store approximately 23.1 Bcf of natural gas in Louisiana and a liquefied propane storage cavern that has a natural gas equivalent of approximately 3 Bcf.

3. The following information for the last calendar year with respect to claimant and each of its subsidiary public utility companies.

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a. Number of kwh. of electric energy sold (at retail or wholesale), and mcf. of natural gas or manufactured gas distributed at retail.

CLAIMANT -----	SUBSIDIARY -----
The Laclede Group, Inc.	Laclede Gas Company
None	78,868,053 Mcf.

b. Number of kwh. of electric energy and Mcf. of natural or manufactured gas distributed at retail outside the State in which each such company is organized.

CLAIMANT -----	SUBSIDIARY -----
The Laclede Group, Inc.	Laclede Gas Company
None.	None

c. Number of kwh. of electric energy and Mcf. of natural or manufactured gas sold at wholesale outside the State in which each such company is organized, or at the State line.

CLAIMANT -----	SUBSIDIARY -----
The Laclede Group, Inc.	Laclede Gas Company
None	12,343,630 Mcf

d. Number of kwh. of electric energy and Mcf. of natural or manufactured gas purchased outside the State in which each such company is organized or at the State line.

CLAIMANT -----	SUBSIDIARY -----
The Laclede Group, Inc.	Laclede Gas Company
None.	96,244,164 Mcf.

4. The following information for the reporting period with respect to claimant and each interest it holds directly or indirectly in an EWG or a foreign utility company, stating monetary amounts in United States dollars:

a. Name, location, business address and description of the facilities used by the EWG or foreign utility company for the generation, transmission and distribution of electric energy for sale or for the distribution at retail of natural or manufactured gas.

CLAIMANT -----	SUBSIDIARY -----
The Laclede Group, Inc.	Laclede Gas Company
None	None

b. Name of each system company that holds an interest in such EWG

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or foreign utility company and description of the interest held.

CLAIMANT -----	SUBSIDIARY -----
The Laclede Group, Inc.	Laclede Gas Company
None	None

c. Type and amount of capital invested, directly or indirectly, by the holding company claiming exemption; any direct or indirect guarantee of the security of the EWG or foreign utility company by the holding company claiming exemption; and any debt or other financial obligation for which there is recourse, directly or indirectly, to the holding company claiming exemption or another system company, other than the EWG or foreign utility company.

CLAIMANT -----	SUBSIDIARY -----
The Laclede Group, Inc.	Laclede Gas Company
None	None

d. Capitalization and earnings of the EWG or foreign utility company during the reporting period.

CLAIMANT -----	SUBSIDIARY -----
The Laclede Group, Inc.	Laclede Gas Company
None.	None

e. Identify any service, sales or construction contract(s) between the EWG or foreign utility company and a system company, and describe the services to be rendered or goods sold and fees or revenues under such agreement(s).

CLAIMANT -----	SUBSIDIARY -----
The Laclede Group, Inc.	Laclede Gas Company
None.	None.

EXHIBIT A

A consolidating statement of income and surplus of the claimant and its subsidiary companies for the last calendar year, together with a consolidating balance sheet of claimant and its subsidiary companies as of the close of such calendar year.

EXHIBIT B

An organizational chart showing the relationship of each EWG or foreign utility company to associate companies in the holding company system.

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None.

The above-named claimant has caused this statement to be duly executed on its behalf by its authorized officer on this 26th day of February, 2004.

The Laclede Group, Inc.

By: /s/ Barry C. Cooper

Name: Barry C. Cooper

Title: Chief Financial Officer

Corporate Seal
Attest:

M.C. Kullman

Name, title and address of officer to whom notices and correspondence concerning this statement should be addressed:

Mary C. Kullman
Corporate Secretary
720 Olive Street
Room 1517
St. Louis, MO 63101

THE LACLEDE GROUP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES
CONSOLIDATING BALANCE SHEETS
DECEMBER 31, 2003
(UNAUDITED)
(THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS)

		The Laclede Group, Inc.	Laclede Gas Company	SM&P Utility Resources, Inc.
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	ASSETS			
Utility Plant		\$ -	\$ 1,039,469	\$ -

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Less: Accumulated depreciation and amortization	-	412,923	-
Net Utility Plant	-	626,546	-
Goodwill	-	-	28,124
Other Property and Investments	343,868	29,282	7,923
Current Assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents	16,856	3,301	610
Notes receivable	-	-	9,742
Accounts receivable:			
Gas customers - billed and unbilled	-	144,286	-
Other	15,307	36,047	8,774
Allowance for doubtful accounts	-	(5,490)	(36)
Natural gas stored underground for current use	-	112,579	-
Propane gas for current use	-	17,027	-
Materials, supplies, and merchandise	-	4,842	-
Derivative instrument assets	-	11,259	-
Deferred income taxes	-	6,307	-
Prepayments and other	108	4,081	1,177
Total Current Assets	32,271	334,239	20,267
Deferred Charges:			
Prepaid pension cost	-	107,117	-
Regulatory assets	-	93,225	-
Other	1,731	5,578	-
Total deferred charges	1,731	205,920	-
Total Assets	\$ 377,870	\$ 1,195,987	\$ 56,314

CAPITALIZATION AND LIABILITIES

Capitalization:			
Common stock and Paid-in capital	\$ 88,534	\$ 82,579	\$ 43,139
Retained earnings	221,797	200,443	(2,853)
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	-	(582)	-
Total common stock equity	310,331	282,440	40,286
Redeemable preferred stock - Laclede Gas	-	1,258	-
Obligated mandatorily redeemable preferred securities to/of subsidiary trust	46,400	-	-
Long-term debt (less sinking fund requirements) - Laclede Gas	-	234,643	-
Total Capitalization	356,731	518,341	40,286
Current Liabilities:			
Notes payable	19,700	265,585	-
Accounts payable	1,458	81,880	5,975
Advance customer billings	-	12,287	-
Current portion of long-term debt	-	25,000	-
Taxes accrued	(428)	18,072	(631)
Unamortized purchased gas adjustment	-	3,017	-
Other	409	34,230	7,850

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Total Current Liabilities	21,139	440,071	13,194
Deferred Credits and Other Liabilities:			
Deferred income taxes	-	180,268	2,210
Unamortized investment tax credits	-	5,240	-
Pension and postretirement benefit costs	-	22,814	-
Regulatory liabilities	-	6,375	-
Other	-	22,878	624
Total Deferred Credits and Other Liabilities	-	237,575	2,834
Total Capitalization and Liabilities	\$ 377,870	\$ 1,195,987	\$ 56,314

	Laclede Investment, LLC	Laclede Energy Services, Inc.	Laclede Capital Trust I
ASSETS			
Utility Plant	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Less: Accumulated depreciation and amortization	-	-	-
Net Utility Plant	-	-	-
Goodwill	-	-	-
Other Property and Investments	742	-	46,400
Current Assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents	751	-	-
Notes receivable	3,602	-	-
Accounts receivable:			
Gas customers - billed and unbilled	-	-	-
Other	17,976	-	-
Allowance for doubtful accounts	(306)	-	-
Natural gas stored underground for current use	41	-	-
Propane gas for current use	-	-	-
Materials, supplies, and merchandise	-	-	-
Derivative instrument assets	1,789	-	-
Deferred income taxes	-	-	-
Prepayments and other	2,069	-	3,573
Total Current Assets	25,922	-	3,573
Deferred Charges:			
Prepaid pension cost	-	-	-
Regulatory assets	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-
Total deferred charges	-	-	-
Total Assets	\$ 26,664	\$ -	\$ 49,973

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CAPITALIZATION AND LIABILITIES			
Capitalization:			
Common stock and Paid-in capital	\$ 9,141	\$ -	\$ 1,400
Retained earnings	(2,520)	-	-
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(575)	-	-
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Total common stock equity	6,046	-	1,400
Redeemable preferred stock - Laclede Gas	-	-	-
Obligated mandatorily redeemable preferred securities to/of subsidiary trust	-	-	45,000
Long-term debt (less sinking fund requirements) - Laclede Gas	-	-	-
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Total Capitalization	6,046	-	46,400
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Current Liabilities:			
Notes payable	-	-	-
Accounts payable	21,175	-	-
Advance customer billings	-	-	-
Current portion of long-term debt	-	-	-
Taxes accrued	447	-	-
Unamortized purchased gas adjustment	-	-	-
Other	138	-	3,573
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Total Current Liabilities	21,760	-	3,573
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Deferred Credits and Other Liabilities:			
Deferred income taxes	(1,225)	-	-
Unamortized investment tax credits	-	-	-
Pension and postretirement benefit costs	-	-	-
Regulatory liabilities	-	-	-
Other	83	-	-
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Total Deferred Credits and Other Liabilities	(1,142)	-	-
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Total Capitalization and Liabilities	\$ 26,664	\$ -	\$ 49,973
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THE LACLEDE GROUP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES
CONSOLIDATING BALANCE SHEETS
DECEMBER 31, 2003
(UNAUDITED)
(THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS)

Laclede Development Company	Laclede Venture Corporation	Eliminat
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ASSETS			
Utility Plant	\$	-	\$ - \$
Less: Accumulated depreciation and amortization		-	-
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Net Utility Plant		-	-
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Goodwill		-	-
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Other Property and Investments		5,157	980 (1,
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Current Assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents		6	201
Notes receivable		5,276	639 (
Accounts receivable:			
Gas customers - billed and unbilled		-	-
Other		-	-
Allowance for doubtful accounts		-	-
Natural gas stored underground for current use		-	-
Propane gas for current use		-	-
Materials, supplies, and merchandise		-	-
Derivative instrument assets		-	-
Deferred income taxes		-	-
Prepayments and other		45	-
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Total Current Assets		5,327	840 (
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Deferred Charges:			
Prepaid pension cost		-	-
Regulatory assets		-	-
Other		-	28
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Total deferred charges		-	28
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Total Assets	\$	10,484	\$ 1,848 \$ (2,
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CAPITALIZATION AND LIABILITIES			
Capitalization:			
Common stock and Paid-in capital	\$	6,211	\$ 1,685 \$ (1,
Retained earnings		3,464	(1,409)
Accumulated other comprehensive loss		-	-
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Total common stock equity		9,675	276 (1,
Redeemable preferred stock - Laclede Gas		-	-
Obligated mandatorily redeemable preferred securities of subsidiary trust		-	-
Long-term debt (less sinking fund requirements) - Laclede Gas		-	-
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Total Capitalization		9,675	276 (1,
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Current Liabilities:			
Notes payable		-	952 (
Accounts payable		373	274
Advance customer billings		-	-
Current portion of long-term debt		-	-

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Taxes accrued	80	(20)	
Unamortized purchased gas adjustment	-	-	
Other	-	-	
Total Current Liabilities	453	1,206	()
Deferred Credits and Other Liabilities:			
Deferred income taxes	356	303	
Unamortized investment tax credits	-	-	
Pension and postretirement benefit costs	-	-	
Regulatory liabilities	-	-	
Other	-	63	
Total Deferred Credits and Other Liabilities	356	366	
Total Capitalization and Liabilities	\$ 10,484	\$ 1,848	\$ (2,)

	Laclede Investment LLC	Laclede Energy Resources, Inc.	Laclede Ga Family Services, Inc.
ASSETS			
Utility Plant	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Less: Accumulated depreciation and amortization	-	-	-
Net Utility Plant	-	-	-
Goodwill	-	-	-
Other Property and Investments	8,016	1,951	
Current Assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents	11	536	20
Notes receivable	-	3,602	7,33
Accounts receivable:			
Gas customers - billed and unbilled	-	-	
Other	-	17,873	10
Allowance for doubtful accounts	-	(306)	
Natural gas stored underground for current use	-	41	
Propane gas for current use	-	-	
Materials, supplies, and merchandise	-	-	
Derivative instrument assets	-	1,789	
Deferred income taxes	-	-	
Prepayments and other	-	2,069	
Total Current Assets	11	25,604	7,64
Deferred Charges:			
Prepaid pension cost	-	-	
Regulatory assets	-	-	
Other	-	-	

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Total deferred charges	-	-	
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Total Assets	\$ 8,027	\$ 27,555	\$ 7,64
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CAPITALIZATION AND LIABILITIES			
Capitalization:			
Common stock and Paid-in capital	\$ 10,892	\$ 7,273	\$ 20
Retained earnings	(12,344)	2,812	7,01
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	-	(575)	
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Total common stock equity	(1,452)	9,510	7,21
Redeemable preferred stock - Laclede Gas	-	-	
Obligated mandatorily redeemable preferred securities of subsidiary trust	-	-	
Long-term debt (less sinking fund requirements) - Laclede Gas	-	-	
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Total Capitalization	(1,452)	9,510	7,21
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Current Liabilities:			
Notes payable	7,337	-	
Accounts payable	2,191	18,670	31
Advance customer billings	-	-	
Current portion of long-term debt	-	-	
Taxes accrued	(49)	462	3
Unamortized purchased gas adjustment	-	-	
Other	-	138	
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Total Current Liabilities	9,479	19,270	34
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Deferred Credits and Other Liabilities:			
Deferred income taxes	-	(1,225)	
Unamortized investment tax credits	-	-	
Pension and postretirement benefit costs	-	-	
Regulatory liabilities	-	-	
Other	-	-	8
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Total Deferred Credits and Other Liabilities	-	(1,225)	8
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Total Capitalization and Liabilities	\$ 8,027	\$ 27,555	\$ 7,64
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THE LACLEDE GROUP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES
CONSOLIDATING STATEMENTS OF INCOME
TWELVE MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003
(UNAUDITED)
(THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS)

The Laclede Laclede SM&P Utility

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	Group, Inc.	Gas Company	Resources, Inc.
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Operating Revenues:			
Regulated			
Gas distribution	\$ -	\$ 818,957	\$ -
Non-Regulated			
Services	-	-	88,893
Gas marketing	-	-	-
Other	-	2,373	-
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Total Operating Revenues	-	821,330	88,893
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Operating Expenses:			
Regulated			
Natural and propane gas	-	525,174	-
Other operation expenses	-	116,709	-
Maintenance	-	18,744	-
Depreciation and amortization	-	22,394	-
Taxes, other than income taxes	-	56,806	-
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Total regulated operating expenses	-	739,827	-
Non-Regulated			
Services	-	-	91,392
Gas marketing	-	-	-
Other	169	2,356	-
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Total Operating Expenses	169	742,183	91,392
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Operating Income (Loss)	(169)	79,147	(2,499)
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Other Income and (Income Deductions) - Net	623	1,256	(336)
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Equity Income in Subsidiaries	36,106	-	-
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Interest Charges:			
Interest on long-term debt	-	19,778	-
Preferred dividends and distributions of subsidiary trust	277	-	3,296
Other interest charges	221	3,710	207
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Total Interest Charges	498	23,488	3,503
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Income (Loss) Before Income Taxes	36,062	56,915	(6,338)
Income Tax Expense (Benefit)	(19)	19,815	(2,220)
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Net Income (Loss)	36,081	37,100	(4,118)
Dividends on Redeemable Preferred Stock - Laclede Gas	-	62	-
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Net Income (Loss) Applicable to Common Stock	\$ 36,081	\$ 37,038	\$ (4,118)
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Laclede Investment, LLC	Laclede Energy Services, Inc.	Laclede Capita Trust I
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Operating Revenues:
 Regulated

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Gas distribution	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Non-Regulated						
Services		-		-		-
Gas marketing		183,577		-		-
Other		162		115		-
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Total Operating Revenues		183,739		115		-
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Operating Expenses:						
Regulated						
Natural and propane gas		-		-		-
Other operation expenses		-		-		-
Maintenance		-		-		-
Depreciation and amortization		-		-		-
Taxes, other than income taxes		-		-		-
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Total regulated operating expenses		-		-		-
Non-Regulated						
Services		-		-		-
Gas marketing		179,323		-		-
Other		144		140		-
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Total Operating Expenses		179,467		140		-
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Operating Income (Loss)		4,272		(25)		-
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Other Income and (Income Deductions) - Net		84		-		3,573
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Equity Income in Subsidiaries		-		-		-
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Interest Charges:						
Interest on long-term debt		-		-		-
Preferred dividends and distributions of subsidiary trust		-		-		3,569
Other interest charges		145		7		-
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Total Interest Charges		145		7		3,569
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Income (Loss) Before Income Taxes		4,211		(32)		4
Income Tax Expense (Benefit)		1,627		(11)		-
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Net Income (Loss)		2,584		(21)		4
Dividends on Redeemable Preferred Stock - Laclede Gas		-		-		-
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Net Income (Loss) Applicable to Common Stock	\$	2,584	\$	(21)	\$	4
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TWELVE MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003
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	Development Company	Laclede Venture Corporation	Eliminatio
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Operating Revenues:			
Regulated			
Gas distribution	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Non-Regulated			
Services	-	-	
Gas marketing	-	-	
Other	99	399	
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Total Operating Revenues	99	399	
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Operating Expenses:			
Regulated			
Natural and propane gas	-	-	
Other operation expenses	-	-	
Maintenance	-	-	
Depreciation and amortization	-	-	
Taxes, other than income taxes	-	-	
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Total regulated operating expenses	-	-	
Non-Regulated			
Services	-	-	
Gas marketing	-	-	
Other	123	273	
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Total Operating Expenses	123	273	
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Operating Income (Loss)	(24)	126	
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Other Income and (Income Deductions) - Net	127	4	(2)
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Interest Charges:			
Interest on long-term debt	-	-	
Preferred dividends and distributions of subsidiary trust	-	-	
Other interest charges	9	30	(2)
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Total Interest Charges	9	30	(2)
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Income (Loss) Before Income Taxes	94	100	
Income Tax Expense (Benefit)	78	31	
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Net Income (Loss)	16	69	
Dividends on Redeemable Preferred Stock - Laclede Gas	-	-	
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Net Income (Loss) Applicable to Common Stock	\$ 16	\$ 69	\$
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Laclede Investment LLC	Laclede Energy Resources, Inc.	Laclede Gas Family Services, Inc.
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Operating Revenues:
 Regulated

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Gas distribution	\$	-	\$	-	\$	
Non-Regulated						
Services		-		-		
Gas marketing		-	183,577			
Other		6	-		15	
		-----	-----		-----	
Total Operating Revenues		6	183,577		15	
		-----	-----		-----	
Operating Expenses:						
Regulated						
Natural and propane gas		-		-		
Other operation expenses		-		-		
Maintenance		-		-		
Depreciation and amortization		-		-		
Taxes, other than income taxes		-		-		
		-----	-----		-----	
Total regulated operating expenses		-		-		
Non-Regulated						
Services		-		-		
Gas marketing		-	179,323			
Other		38	-		10	
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Total Operating Expenses		38	179,323		10	
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Operating Income (Loss)		(32)	4,254		5	
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Other Income and (Income Deductions) - Net		-	84		29	
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Interest Charges:						
Interest on long-term debt		-		-		
Preferred dividends and distributions of subsidiary trust		-		-		
Other interest charges		367	73			
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Total Interest Charges		367	73			
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Income (Loss) Before Income Taxes		(399)	4,265		34	
Income Tax Expense (Benefit)		(153)	1,647		13	
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Net Income (Loss)		(246)	2,618		21	
Dividends on Redeemable Preferred Stock - Laclede Gas		-				
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Net Income (Loss) Applicable to Common Stock	\$	(246)	\$	2,618	\$	21
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(THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS)

The Laclede Group, Inc. Laclede Gas Company SM&P Utility Resources, Inc.

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Balance at Beginning of Year	\$ 211,259	\$ 188,949	\$ 1,265	\$
Add - Net Income, per statements	36,081	37,038	(4,118)	
Total	247,340	225,987	(2,853)	
Deduct - Cash Dividends Declared:				
Common stock	25,543	25,544	-	
Charges to Retained Earnings	-	-	-	
Total	25,543	25,544	-	
Balance at End of Year	\$ 221,797	\$ 200,443	\$ (2,853)	\$

	Laclede Investment, LLC	Laclede Energy Services, Inc.	Laclede Capital Trust I	
Balance at Beginning of Year	\$ (5,104)	\$ 21	\$ (4)	
Add - Net Income, per statements	2,584	(21)	4	
Total	(2,520)	-	-	
Deduct - Cash Dividends Declared:				
Common stock	-	-	-	
Charges to Retained Earnings	-	-	-	
Total	-	-	-	
Balance at End of Year	\$ (2,520)	\$ -	\$ -	

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	Laclede Development Company	Laclede Venture Corporation	Eliminations	
Balance at Beginning of Year	\$ 3,448	\$ (1,478)	\$ -	\$

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Add - Net Income, per statements	16	69	-	
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Total	3,464	(1,409)	-	
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Deduct - Cash Dividends Declared:				
Common stock	-	-	-	
Charges to Retained Earnings	-	-	-	
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Total	-	-	-	
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Balance at End of Year	\$ 3,464	\$ (1,409)	\$ -	\$
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	Laclede Investment LLC	Laclede Energy Resources, Inc.	Laclede Gas Family Services, Inc.
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Balance at Beginning of Year	\$ (12,098)	\$ 194	\$ 6,800
Add - Net Income, per statements	(246)	2,618	212
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Total	(12,344)	2,812	7,012
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Deduct - Cash Dividends Declared:			
Common stock	-	-	-
Charges to Retained Earnings	-	-	-
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Total	-	-	-
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Balance at End of Year	\$ (12,344)	\$ 2,812	\$ 7,012
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