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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement LACLEDE GROUP INC [LG] Mathews Steven F (Month/Day/Year) 02/01/2008 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 720 OLIVE STREET (Check all applicable) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) 10% Owner Director _X_ Form filed by One Reporting _X__ Officer Other Person ST. LOUIS, MOÂ 63101 (give title below) (specify below) Form filed by More than One Vice President Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Ownership (Instr. 4) Ownership (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) Common Stock Ι $770 \, \frac{(1)}{2}$ through 401(k) plan Â Common Stock 5,500 (2) D Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative	. *	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
			Derivative	Security:	

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Employee Stock Options (right to buy)	(3)	02/05/2013	Common Stock	1,250	\$ 23.27	D	Â
Employee Stock Options (right to buy)	(4)	11/05/2013	Common Stock	3,000	\$ 28.85	D	Â
Employee Stock Options (right to buy)	(5)	11/03/2014	Common Stock	4,500	\$ 30.95	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
1 0	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Mathews Steven F 720 OLIVE STREET ST. LOUIS, MO 63101	Â	Â	Vice President	Â		

Signatures

Steven Mathews 02/06/2008

**Signature of Date Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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) Shares held in Company stock fund of 401(k) plan as reported by trustee as of January 31, 2008.
- Includes 5,100 shares of performance contingent restricted stock with vesting contingent upon performance and 400 shares of restricted (2) stock with vesting occurring on December 5, 2010. All shares awarded under the Company's Equity Incentive Plans and all shares include dividend and voting rights granted to the reporting person prior to vesting.
- (3) Options vest in four equal annual installments beginning February 6, 2004.
- (4) Options vest in four equal annual installments beginning on November 8, 2004.
- (5) Options vest in four equal annual installments beginning on November 4, 2005.

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