LACLEDE GROUP INC

Form 4

February 05, 2003

FORM 4

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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 Name and Add Neises Kenneth 			me and Tio e Group, I		P	6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)					
(Last) 720 Olive Street	of Reporting Person,					Statement for onth/Day/Year 5/03	<u>X</u> C	Director			
St. Louis, MO 63	(Street)						Da	If Amendment, ate of Original Ionth/Day/Year)	7 ((<u>X</u>	Check Applica Form filed by erson	Joint/Group Filing
									R	Reporting Perso	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Т	able	I Non-I	Derivat	ive Se	curities Acquired	, Dispos	ed of, or Bene	ficially Owned
Security	action	2A. Deemed Execution Date,	3. Transaction Constr. 8	ode	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D (Instr. 3, 4 & 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially		6. Owner- ship Form: Direct (D)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial
ĺ	(Month/ Day/ Year)	,	Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	-		or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	
common stock									300.987	I	401(k) plan
common stock									250	D	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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FORM 4 (continued) Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

ĺ	1. Title of	2. Conver-	3.	3A.	4.	5. Number	6. Date Exercisable	7. Title and	8. Price of	9. Number of	10.	11. Nature
l	Derivative	sion or	Trans-	Deemed	Trans-	of	and Expiration	Amount of	Derivative	Derivative	Owner-	of Indirect
ŀ	Security	Exercise	action	Execution	action	Derivative	Date	Underlying	Security	Securities	ship	Beneficial
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	Derivative Security		Date, if any (Month/ Day/ Year)	Code (Instr. 8)			(Month/Day/ Year)		Securities (Instr. 3 & 4)			Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)		Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code V				Expira- tion Date		Amount or Number of Shares			(I) (Instr. 4)	
employee stock options (right to buy)	\$23.27	2-5-03		A	15,000		(1)	2/5/13	common stock	15,000	(15,000	D	

Explanation of Responses:

(1) The options vest in four equal annual installments beginning on February 6, 2004.

By: /s/ Kenneth J. Neises 2/5/03
Kenneth J. Neises Date
**Signature of Reporting Person

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