LACLEDE GROUP INC Form 8-A12B July 29, 2002

> SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

> > FORM 8-A

FOR REGISTRATION OF CERTAIN CLASSES OF SECURITIES PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(b) OR 12(g) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

THE LACLEDE GROUP, INC. LACLEDE CAPITAL TRUST I (Exact name of registrant and co-registrant as specified in their charters)

MISSOURI State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

74-2976504 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.) (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.) 720 Olive Street St. Louis, MO 63101 (314) 342-0500

DELAWARE (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

81-6099531 720 Olive Street St. Louis, MO 63101 (314) 342-0500

(Address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of registrant's principal executive offices)

If this form relates to the registration  $\;\;$  If this form relates to the of a class of securities pursuant to registration of a class of securities Section 12(b) of the Exchange Act and is pursuant to Section 12(g) of the effective pursuant to General Instruction Exchange Act and is effective A. (c), please check the following box.  $\,\,$  pursuant to General Instruction A. [X]

(d), please check the following box. [\_]

Securities Act registration statement file number to which this form relates: 333-86722 and 333-86722-01

Securities to be registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each Class to be so Registered \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Each Exchange on Which Each Class is to be Registered

\_\_% Trust Originated Preferred Securities of Laclede Capital Trust I (and the Guarantee by The Laclede Group, Inc. with respect thereto)

New York Stock Exchange

Securities to be registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: None

#### Item 1. Description of Securities to be Registered

This Registration Statement relates to the Trust Originated Preferred Securities, Liquidation Amount \$25 per Security (the "Trust Preferred Securities"), of Laclede Capital Trust I, as fully and unconditionally quaranteed by The Laclede Group, Inc. (the "Guarantee"). The descriptions of the Trust Preferred Securities and the Guarantee to be registered hereunder are set forth under the captions "Description of Trust Preferred Securities" and "Description of the Guarantees" in the Prospectus dated May 6, 2002, as to be supplemented by the Prospectus Supplement relating to the Trust Preferred Securities (as so supplemented, the "Prospectus"), of Laclede Capital Trust I and The Laclede Group, and under the caption "Description of Securities" in such Prospectus Supplement. The Prospectus constitutes a part of the Registration Statement (the "Registration Statement") on Form S-3 (File Nos. 333-86722 and 333-86722-01) of Laclede Capital Trust I and The Laclede Group. The Registration Statement was initially filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") on April 22, 2002 and declared effective on May 6, 2002 and is deemed to be incorporated herein by reference. The Prospectus, which will be filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) under the Securities Act of 1933 will be deemed to be incorporated herein by reference.

#### Item 2. Exhibits

#### Exhibit Number

### Description

- 2\* Declaration of Trust of Laclede Capital Trust I, dated April 4, 2002
   (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.4 to the Registration
   Statement).
- 3\* Form of Amended and Restated Declaration of Trust (including forms of Preferred Securities and Common Securities to be issued thereunder) (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.5 to the Registration Statement).
- 4\* Form of Indenture relating to the subordinated debentures to be entered into by and between The Laclede Group and The Bank of New York, as indenture trustee (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.7 to the Registration Statement).
- 5\* Form of Preferred Securities Guarantee Agreement relating to the trust preferred securities to be entered into by and between The Laclede Group, as guarantor, and The Bank of New York, as trustee, for the benefit of the holders of Preferred Securities (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.8 to the Registration Statement).
- 6\* Form of Common Securities Guarantee Agreement relating to the trust common securities (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.9 to the Registration Statement).

7\* Form of first supplemental indenture establishing the issuance of the

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subordinated debentures (including the form of subordinated debenture) (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.11 to the Registration Statement).

\*Incorporated by reference.

#### SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the Registrant has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

THE LACLEDE GROUP, INC.

Dated: July 26, 2002 By: /s/ Douglas H. Yaeger

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Name: Douglas H. Yaeger

Title: Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer

LACLEDE CAPITAL TRUST I

By: THE LACLEDE GROUP, INC., as Sponsor

Dated: July 26, 2002 By: /s/ Ronald L. Krutzman

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Name: Ronald L. Krutzman

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Title: Treasurer

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