LACLEDE GAS CO Form 8-K June 09, 2006

## 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): June 6, 2006

# LACLEDE GAS COMPANY

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Missouri (State or other jurisdiction 1-1822 (Commission File Number) 43-0368139 (IRS Employer

of incorporation)

Identification No.)

**720** Olive Street St. Louis, Missouri (Address of principal executive offices)

63101

(Zip Code)

 $Registrant \ \ s \ telephone \ number, including \ area \ code \ (314) \ 342\text{-}0500$ 

**NONE** 

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

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- " Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 8.01. Other Events.

Pursuant to a Purchase Agreement dated June 6, 2006 (the Purchase Agreement ) between Laclede Gas Company (the Registrant ), and Merrill, Lynch & Co., Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, A.G. Edwards & Sons, Inc., BNY Capital Markets, Inc., Morgan Keegan & Company, Inc., and NatCity Investments, Inc. (the Underwriters ) on June 9, 2006, the Registrant sold to the Underwriters \$55,000,000 aggregate principal amount of its First Mortgage Bonds, 6.15% Series due June 1, 2036 (the Bonds ). The Bonds have been issued under a Mortgage and Deed of Trust, dated as of February 1, 1945, under which UMB Bank & Trust, n.a. is the present Trustee. Such Mortgage and Deed of Trust had previously been amended and supplemented and has been further supplemented by a Twenty-Ninth Supplemental Indenture relating to the Bonds, dated as of June 1, 2006 (the Supplemental Indenture ). The Registration Statement on Form S-3 with respect to the First Mortgage Bonds of the Registrant, including the Bonds (File No. 333-40362), was filed by the Registrant on June 29, 2000 and declared effective by the Securities and Exchange Commission on July 24, 2000. This Current Report on Form 8-K files the Purchase Agreement, the Supplemental Indenture and the opinion as to the legality of the Bonds as Exhibits 1.1, 4.1, and 5.1, respectively, to the Registration Statement.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

Reference is made to the information contained in the Index to Exhibits filed as part of this Form 8-K.

#### **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.

LACLEDE GAS COMPANY (Registrant)

By: /s/ Barry C. Cooper Barry C. Cooper Chief Financial Officer

June 9, 2006

(Date)

#### Index to Exhibits

#### Exhibit No.

- 1.1 Purchase Agreement dated June 6, 2006 between the Registrant and the Underwriters relating to the Bonds.
- Twenty-Ninth Supplemental Indenture dated as of June 1, 2006 to Registrant s Mortgage and Deed of Trust, dated as of February 1, 1945.
- 5.1 Opinion as to legality of the Bonds (including consent).