

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

DIVISION OF CORPORATION FINANCE

September 10, 2014

<u>Via E-Mail</u> Mr. Steven P. Rasche Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer The Laclede Group, Inc. 720 Olive Street, Suite 1301 St. Louis, MO 63101

> Re: The Laclede Group, Inc. Item 4.01 Form 8-K Filed September 4, 2014 File No. 001-16681 Laclede Gas Company Item 4.01 Form 8-K Filed September 4, 2014 File No. 001-01822 Alabama Gas Corporation Item 4.01 Form 8-K Filed September 4, 2014 File No. 002-38960

Dear Mr. Rasche:

We have completed our review of your filings. We remind you that our comments or changes to disclosure in response to our comments do not foreclose the Commission from taking any action with respect to the company or the filings and the company may not assert staff comments as a defense in any proceeding initiated by the Commission or any person under the federal securities laws of the United States. We urge all persons who are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of the disclosure in the filings to be certain that the filings include the information the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and all applicable rules require.

Sincerely,

/s/ Jennifer Thompson

Jennifer Thompson Accounting Branch Chief

cc: Sondra S. Brown, Vice President and Controller The Laclede Group, Inc.