

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of the Application of	)	
<b>Ozark Energy Partners, LLC</b> for a	)	
Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity	)	
to Construct and Operate an Intrastate Natural Gas	)	Case No. GA-2006-0561
Pipeline and Gas Utility to Serve Portions of the	)	
Missouri Counties of Christian, Stone and Taney,	)	
and for Establishment of Utility Rates.	)	

**MOTION FOR PROTECTIVE ORDER**

COMES NOW Ozark Energy Partners, LLC (“Ozark” or “Applicant”), and moves the Commission, pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.085, to issue a protective order in this matter. In support of its motion, Ozark states as follows:

1. On June 30, 2006, Applicant filed its Application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity in this case. Ozark is a privately held limited liability company whose corporate financial information is not available in any other public document. Some of the information to be late-filed by the Applicant in this case, including corporate financial information, is private and confidential business information, and therefore constitutes highly confidential or proprietary information entitled to protection from disclosure under 4 CSR 240-2.085. None of the information for which Applicant will claim confidentiality can be found in any format in any other public document.

2. Applicant anticipates that discovery, and the preparation of testimony or recommendations, during the course of this case may include confidential market information, reports and workpapers, as well as private technical, financial and business information of a confidential or proprietary nature.

3. Therefore, because there is a potential for public disclosure of confidential or proprietary information unless there is a protective order in place,

Applicant moves the Commission to issue its standard-form protective order so that such information may be designated as "Proprietary" or "Highly Confidential" during the course of this proceeding.

WHEREFORE, Ozark Energy Partners, LLC respectfully requests that the Commission issue its standard protective order in this proceeding for the treatment of "Highly Confidential" and "Proprietary" information.

Respectfully submitted,

**/s/ William D. Steinmeier**

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing document has been served electronically on the General Counsel's Office and the Office of the Public Counsel this 11<sup>th</sup> day of July 2005.

***/s/ William D. Steinmeier***

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