## OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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

## ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE WHY CERTIFICATE SHOULD NOT BE CANCELLED

Effective Date: July 2, 2008

Issue Date July 2, 2008

On February 5, 2008, the Missouri Public Service Commission issued an order granting to Ozark Energy Partners, LLC, a conditional certificate of convenience and necessity to provide natural gas in the Ozark region.<sup>1</sup> Ozark's certificate was conditioned on the company submitting acceptable financing to the Commission.

In a separate but related matter<sup>2</sup>, Southern Missouri Gas Company d/b/a Southern Missouri Natural Gas also sought a certificate of convenience and necessity to serve much of the same territory that Ozark sought to serve. The Commission granted a similarly conditioned certificate to Southern Missouri.

Although Ozark did not file a case seeking Commission approval of proposed financing, Southern Missouri already had a pending financing case in which Ozark was an

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Southern Missouri Gas Company, L.P. d/b/a Southern Missouri Natural Gas was an intervenor in this matter.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Commission Case No. GA-2007-0168, in which Ozark was an intervenor.

intervenor.<sup>3</sup> On March 27, 2008, the Commission convened what was scheduled to be an evidentiary hearing for Southern Missouri's financing case. However, because Southern Missouri and Ozark entered into a Stipulation and Agreement, the Commission took statements and asked questions concerning that agreement. During the course of the hearing, Ozark represented that it no longer seeks the above-captioned certificate.<sup>4</sup>

If the Commission does nothing, then Ozark's certificate will become null and void in two years.<sup>5</sup> Ozark has stated that it no longer intends to pursue a certificate. Further, the company has not requested Commission approval for financing and joined Southern Missouri in its effort to serve the areas that were the subject of Ozark's application.<sup>6</sup> Finally, on June 24, the Commission granted to Southern Missouri a certificate to serve the areas Ozark first sought to serve.<sup>7</sup> In light of these facts, the Commission will require Ozark to file a pleading stating why its conditional certificate should not be cancelled.

If Ozark fails to respond to this Commission order, the Commission may proceed to cancel Ozark's certificate.

## IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. Ozark Energy Partners, LLC, shall file no later than July 12, 2008, a pleading stating why the conditional certificate of convenience and necessity issued to the company by the Missouri Public Service Commission should not be cancelled.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Commission Case No. GF-2007-0215.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Commission Case No GF-2007-0215; Tr. page 40, lines 6-8.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Section 393.170.3 RSMo. 2000.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Case No. GF-2007-0215 Order Approving Stipulation and Agreement, issued April 17, 2008.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Case No. GA-2007-0168 Second Report and Order, issued June 24, 2008.

2. This order shall become effective on July 2, 2008.

BY THE COMMISSION

Colleen M. Dale Secretary

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Kennard L. Jones, Senior Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 2nd day of July, 2008.