

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
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)	<u>Case No. GA-2006-0561</u>
Natural Gas Pipeline and Gas Utility to Serve)	
Portions of the Missouri Counties of Christian, Stone,)	
and Taney, and for Establishment of Utility Rates.)	

ORDER ESTABLISHING PROTECTIVE ORDER

Issue Date: August 15, 2006

Effective Date: August 15, 2006

On June 30, 2006, Ozark Energy Partners, LLC filed an application as described in the caption of this order. Soon thereafter, the company filed a motion for protective order pursuant to Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.085. OEP anticipates that discovery and testimony during this process may contain confidential information.

Upon review of OEP's motion, the Commission finds that there is a need to protect confidential information and that the request for a protective order is reasonable. The Commission has previously recognized the need to protect confidential information and the issuance of protective orders has helped to minimize disputes in past cases. Therefore, a protective order should be established.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The Motion for Protective Order filed by Ozark Energy Partners, LLC is granted and the protective order attached to this order (Attachment A) is adopted.

2. This order shall become effective on August 15, 2006.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colleen M. Dale', written over a horizontal line.

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 15th day of August, 2006.