

**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 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 REGARDING PREHEARING CONFERENCE

COMES NOW Ozark Energy Partners, LLC ("Ozark" or "Applicant"), and moves the Commission to schedule the prehearing conference in this case on Thursday, October 19, 2006. In support of its motion, Ozark states as follows:

1. On September 1, 2006, the Commission issued its *Order Granting Staff's Motion to Modify Order and Order Establishing Prehearing Conference* in this case, setting aside the September 5, 2006 deadline for the filing of a Staff Recommendation and ordering that a prehearing conference be held in this case on September 12, 2006.

2. On September 7, 2006, Ozark filed a motion to reschedule the prehearing conference, due to scheduling conflicts of key personnel of, and consultants to, Ozark on September 12.

3. On September 8, 2006, the Commission issued its *Order Canceling Prehearing Conference and Directing Filing*, which canceled the September 12 prehearing conference. In that *Order*, in "ORDERED: 2.", the Commission directed the parties to file a pleading no later than September 14, 2006, "stating whether September 25, 2006 is a date amenable for a prehearing conference."

4. This pleading is designed to fulfill the directive of "ORDERED: 2." of the Commission's September 8, 2006 *Order*.

5. Counsel for Ozark has communicated with all counsel of record in this case concerning the new date for a prehearing conference.

6. Ozark proposes that the prehearing conference be rescheduled for Thursday, October 19, 2006.

7. Counsel for Staff, the Office of the Public Counsel, and Intervenors MGE and Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline are all agreeable to setting the prehearing conference on October 19. Counsel for Alliance stated that he personally has a schedule conflict on October 19 due to another matter before the Public Service Commission, but stated that his law partner could cover the prehearing in this case if October 19 was agreeable to the other parties.

WHEREFORE, Ozark Energy Partners, LLC respectfully requests that the Commission issue an Order setting a prehearing conference in this case on Thursday, October 19, 2006, beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Commission's offices.

Respectfully submitted,

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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, the Office of the Public Counsel, and counsel for each Intervenor, on this 14th day of September 2006.

/s/ William D. Steinmeier

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