

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

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

**OZARK ENERGY PARTNERS' REQUEST FOR SCHEDULE OF
PROCEEDINGS**

COMES NOW Ozark Energy Partners, LLC (hereinafter, "Applicant" or "Ozark"), by and through counsel, and respectfully requests that the Missouri Public Service Commission establish a schedule of proceedings in this case, as detailed below.

1. Ozark filed its Application in this case on June 30, 2006. Subsequent Supplements to the Application were filed on November 6, 2006 and February 28, 2007. Ozark requests a certificate of public convenience and necessity to serve the area described in Exhibits D and E to its Application, which includes Stone and Taney Counties and parts of Christian County, Missouri, and the cities of Hollister, Reeds Spring, Branson, Branson West, Highlandville, Spokane, Kimberling City and Galena.

2. On February 28, 2007, Ozark also filed its Feasibility Study in this case (Exhibit F to its Application herein), as well as the legal description of its proposed service area (Exhibit D), a plat reflecting those descriptions (Exhibit E), an Amended Exhibit A (Amended Articles of Organization) and copies of its franchise ordinances (Exhibit I). Ozark's filings on February 28 complete its

application for a certificate of convenience and necessity to provide natural gas distribution services in the proposed service area.

3. Ozark requests that the Commission move forward expeditiously on Ozark's Application in this case, according to the following proposed schedule:

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| Direct Testimony – Ozark | March 30, 2007 |
| Supplemental Direct Testimony – Ozark | April 30, 2007 |
| Prehearing/Settlement Conference | May 3, 2007 |
| Rebuttal Testimony by Staff/OPC/ And Intervenors | May 10, 2007 |
| Surrebuttal Testimony by Ozark | May 24, 2007 |
| Joint Statement of Issues to be Heard, Order of Issues, List of Witnesses, Order of Witnesses, and Order of Witness Cross-Examination | May 30, 2007 |
| Pre-Hearing Briefs | June 7, 2007 |
| Hearing | June 11-12, 2007 |
| Post-Hearing Briefs | June 28, 2007 |
| Commission Decision (hoped for) | July 31, 2007 |

4. It is counsel's understanding that these proposed hearing dates are currently available on the Commission's calendar for this purpose.

5. The demand for natural gas service in the proposed service area is substantial and increasing. In addition, a number of major development projects within the proposed service area are in the planning stages, or are under or nearing construction; these projects would utilize natural gas if it were available. Thus, time is of the essence in assessing Ozark's Application and granting the

certificate of public convenience and necessity being sought by Ozark in this case.

6. In the alternative, Ozark is willing to consider proceeding with a procedural schedule that would provide for live testimony in lieu of prefiled testimony if that would be the Commission's preference *and* result in a more expeditious decision in this case.

WHEREFORE, Ozark Energy Partners, LLC respectfully moves the Commission to establish the schedule of proceedings for this case outlined above.

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 2nd day of March 2007.

/s/ William D. Steinmeier

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