BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Rate Increase Requests of the Regulated Water and Sewer Utilities Owned and Operated by Ozark International, Inc.

Case No. WR-2015-0192

REQUEST FOR ORDER

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COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission and for its *Request for Order* states the following:

1. On October 14, 2015, OPC requested the Commission convene two local public hearings to afford opportunities for Ozark International's customers to be heard concerning the proposed rate increase, one at Nixa, Missouri, and the other at Forsyth, Missouri.

2. On October 16, 2015, the Commission granted OPC's request and, on October 22, 2015, directed the parties to file proposed dates for the local public hearings.

3. On October 29, OPC filed its recommendation proposing that the local public hearings be held during the week of November 16-20, 2015.

4. On October 29, 2015, Staff filed its recommendation that the local public hearings be held on Thursday, November 19, 2015, to accommodate the schedules of Staff and Ozark International Inc.'s President, Mr. Hollis H. "Bert" Brower, Jr..

5. Ozark International needs to send notification to approximately 900 customers to inform them of the time and location of the local public hearing.

6. With only 13 days remaining until the 16th, an order setting the local public hearings is needed to ensure all interested parties are notified of and can make arrangements for the local public hearing.

WHEREAS, Staff prays the Commission will issue an Order setting the local public

hearing for November 19, 2015 to facilitate planning and scheduling by Staff and other parties.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been served electronically, or by hand delivery, or by First Class United States Mail, postage prepaid, to each of the parties herein or to their attorneys of record, all according to the Service List maintained for these cases by the Secretary of the Missouri Public Service Commission, on this 3rd day of November, 2015.

/s/ Nicole Mers