

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)
Natural Gas Pipeline and Gas Utility to Serve)
Portions of the Missouri Counties of Christian, Stone,)
and Taney, and for Establishment of Utility Rates.)
Case No. GA-2006-0561

ORDER GRANTING STAFF’S MOTION TO MODIFY ORDER AND
ORDER ESTABLISHING PREHEARING CONFERENCE

Issue Date: September 1, 2006

Effective Date: September 1, 2006

On June 30, 2006 Ozark Energy Partners, LLC filed an application as described in the above caption. On July 5, the Missouri Public Service Commission issued an order directing the Staff of the Commission to file its memorandum in this matter no later than September 5, 2006. On August 11, Staff filed a motion to modify the Commission’s order.

In its motion, Staff points out that Ozark’s application does not include necessary information. Without such information, Staff is unable to make an informed recommendation to the Commission. Staff therefore requests that the Commission modify its order to relieve Staff of having to file its memorandum on September 5. Rather, Staff suggests that the Commission set this matter for a prehearing conference to afford the parties an opportunity to explore a resolution of this case. On August 21, 2006, Ozark filed a pleading stating that it is not opposed to Staff’s motion.

The Commission has review Staff’s motion and finding it reasonable will grant the requested relief.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The Staff of the Commission's motion to modify the Commission's order of July 5, 2006, is granted.
2. The Staff of the Commission need not file its memorandum in this matter on September 5, 2006.
3. A prehearing conference shall be held on September 12, 2006, beginning at 10:00 a.m. in Room 305 of the Governor Office Building, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City, Missouri. This hearing will be held in a building that meets accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. If you need additional accommodations to participate in this prehearing conference, please call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 prior to the conference.
4. This order shall become effective on September 1, 2006.

BY THE COMMISSION



Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

(S E A L)

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 1st day of September, 2006.