

**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

**STAFF'S RESPONSE TO OZARK ENERGY PARTNERS'
REQUEST FOR SCHEDULE OF PROCEEDINGS**

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission and responds to
Ozark Energy Partners' Request for Schedule of Proceedings as follows:

1. On March 2, 2007, Ozark Energy Partners, LLC filed a request for Schedule of Proceedings in this matter. Previously, the company had filed a response in opposition to Staff's *Motion to Consolidate* this matter with Case No. GA-2007-0168.

2. Staff is engaged in discussions with the company regarding possible modifications to the proposed procedural schedule and also regarding approaches to this proceeding that could address Staff's concerns raised in its *Motion to Consolidate* of February 20, 2007.

3. Accordingly, Staff requests that the Commission not issue a procedural schedule in this matter until Staff provides the Commission with a Status Report in this matter, which it proposes to do by no later than March 23, 2007.

WHEREFORE, Staff requests that the Commission not issue a procedural schedule in this matter until Staff provides the Commission with a Status Report in this matter, which it proposes to do by no later than March 23, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, or transmitted by facsimile or electronic mail to all counsel of record this 12th day of March 2007.

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