

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

Ozark Energy Partners, LLC,	)	
	)	
Complainant,	)	
	)	
v.	)	Case No. GC-2008-0154
	)	
Southern Missouri Gas Company, L.P.	)	
d/b/a Southern Missouri Natural Gas,	)	
	)	
Respondent.	)	

**MOTION TO WITHDRAW**

Pursuant to Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.040 (6), William D. Steinmeier, Mary Ann Young and William D. Steinmeier, P.C. hereby request leave of the Commission to withdraw their appearance as counsel of record for intervenor, Ozark Energy Partners, LLC (OEP). OEP has refused to pay the legal expenses of the firm. Under Supreme Court Rule 4-1.16 (b) (5), an attorney may withdraw from the representation of a client if the client fails substantially to fulfill an obligation to the lawyer regarding the lawyer's services and has been given reasonable warning that the lawyer will withdraw unless the obligation is fulfilled. OEP has been given ample notice of this withdrawal, and we are advised that its Board has authorized this firm to file a motion to withdraw as counsel.

Under Supreme Court Rule 4-1.16 (b) (6), an attorney may withdraw from the representation of a client if the representation will result in an unreasonable financial burden on the lawyer or has been rendered unreasonably difficult by the client. The undersigned have continued to represent OEP for some time, in spite of lack of

payment of fees, in order to assure that withdrawal can be accomplished without material adverse effect on the interests of the client. (S.Ct. Rule 4-1.16 (b) (1).)

Since OEP caused to be filed a "Notice of Voluntary Dismissal" in this case on March 27, 2008, permitting counsel to withdraw from further representation should clearly have no adverse effect on OEP. For the reasons stated, undersigned counsel respectfully request leave to withdraw as counsel from this case.

Respectfully submitted,

***/s/ William D. Steinmeier***

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I do hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document has been hand-delivered, emailed or mailed, postage prepaid, this 27<sup>th</sup> day of March 2008, to counsel for all parties of record in this proceeding.

***/s/ William D. Steinmeier***

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William D. Steinmeier