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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Hicks Timothy D (Last) (First) (Middle) 17901 CHENAL PARKWAY (Street) LITTLE ROCK, AR 72223 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 01/13/2016	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol BANK OF THE OZARKS INC [OZRK]	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)
		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) EVP Corporate Finance	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	18,050	D	
Common Stock	10	I	Shares held by Minor Child
Common Stock	4,979	I	Shares held in 401(k) at 01/13/2016

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	11/18/2018	11/18/2022	Common Stock	8,000	\$53.005	D	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	11/17/2017	11/17/2021	Common Stock	4,200	\$36.045	D	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	11/04/2016	11/04/2020	Common Stock	4,000	\$24.7925	D	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	11/05/2015	11/05/2019	Common Stock	3,600	\$15.9275	D	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	10/18/2014	10/18/2018	Common Stock	3,000	\$11.8425	D	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Hicks Timothy D 17901 CHENAL PARKWAY LITTLE ROCK, AR 72223	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EVP Corporate Finance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Signatures

/s/ Timothy D Hicks | 01/14/2016
Signature of Reporting Person | Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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Section 2: EX-24.3_625906 (POA DOCUMENT)

LIMITED POWER OF ATTORNEY
(Section 16 Filings)

I hereby constitute and appoint Greg McKinney, Joseph Strack and Karen White, or any one of them, as my agent and attorney in fact with full powers of substitution and resubstitution, to act in my own name, place and stead, in any and all capacities, for the purpose of executing and filing any and all reports regarding Bank of the Ozarks, Inc. required to be filed by me with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") under Section 16 of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and the regulations of the SEC issued thereunder. This appointment revokes all prior appointments of agent and attorney-in-fact to execute and file SEC reports under Section 16 of the SEC Act of 1934, as amended.

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until revoked by me in writing delivered to Greg McKinney, the SEC compliance officer of Bank of the Ozarks, Inc.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed this Power of Attorney as of the 12th day of January, 2016.

/s/ Timothy D Hicks
(signature)
Print Name: Timothy D Hicks

STATE OF ARKANSAS
COUNTY OF PULASKI

On this the 12th day of January 2016, before me, Timothy D Hicks, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged that he executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein contained.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and official seal.

/s/ Patricia Hooker
NOTARY PUBLIC

Name: Patricia Hooker

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