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**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE
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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 * Â James Dennis R (Last) (First) (Middle) 17901 CHENAL PARKWAY (Street) LITTLE ROCK,Â ARÂ 72223 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 05/16/2016	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol BANK OF THE OZARKS INC [OZRK]	
		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) EVP/Director of M & A	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) 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	43,470	D	Â
Common Stock	10,730	I	Shares held by Spouse
Common Stock	7,848	I	Shares held in 401(k) as of 05/20/2016

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	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date	Expiration	Title	Amount or			

	Exercisable	Date		Number of Shares	Derivative Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	11/18/2018	11/18/2022	Common Stock	8,000	\$53.005	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	11/17/2017	11/17/2021	Common Stock	4,000	\$36.045	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	11/04/2016	11/04/2020	Common Stock	4,000	\$24.7925	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	11/05/2015	11/05/2019	Common Stock	4,000	\$15.9275	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	10/18/2014	10/18/2018	Common Stock	1,600	\$11.8425	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	10/19/2013	10/19/2017	Common Stock	2,800	\$9.4175	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
James Dennis R 17901 CHENAL PARKWAY LITTLE ROCK, AR 72223	Â	Â	Â EVP/Director of M & A	Â

Signatures

/s/ Dennis R James	05/25/2016
**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_657284 (POA DOCUMENT)

LIMITED POWER OF ATTORNEY
(Section 16 Filings)

I hereby constitute and appoint Greg McKinney, Joseph Strack, Donna Quandt, 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 20th day of May, 2016.

/s/ Dennis R James

STATE OF ARKANSAS

COUNTY OF PULASKI

On this the 20th day of May, 2016, before me, Dennis R James, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged that such person executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein contained.

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

/s/ Rachel Crabtree
NOTARY PUBLIC

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