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Bank of the Ozarks, Inc. Announces Third Quarter 2009 Earnings Release Date and Conference Call

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. - Bank of the Ozarks, Inc. (NASDAQ: OZRK) today announced it expects to report third quarter earnings at the end of business Tuesday, October 13, 2009. Management will conduct a conference call to review this information at 10:00 a.m. CDT (11:00 a.m. EDT) on Wednesday, October 14, 2009. Interested parties may listen to this call by dialing 1-800-990-4845 (United States and Canada only) and ask for the Bank of the Ozarks conference call. A recorded playback of the call will be available starting that afternoon by calling 1-800-642-1687 (U.S. and Canada) or 706-645-9291 (internationally). The passcode for this playback is 34234386. In addition the call will be available live or in recorded version on the company's website <http://www.bankozarks.com/> under "Investor Relations."

Bank of the Ozarks, Inc. is a bank holding company with \$3.0 billion in total assets as of June 30, 2009, and trades on the NASDAQ Global Select Market under the symbol "OZRK". The Company owns a state chartered subsidiary bank that conducts banking operations through 73 offices including 66 banking offices in 34 communities throughout northern, western and central Arkansas, six Texas banking offices, and a loan production office in Charlotte, North Carolina. The Company may be contacted at (501) 978-2265 or P. O. Box 8811, Little Rock, Arkansas 72231-8811. The Company's website is: <http://www.bankozarks.com/>.