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Bank of the Ozarks, Inc. Announces 4th Quarter Earnings Release Date and Conference Call

LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS - Bank of the Ozarks, Inc. (NASDAQ: OZRK) expects to report fourth quarter earnings at the close of business Thursday, January 14, 2010. Management plans to conduct a conference call to review this information at 10:00 a.m. CST (11:00 a.m. EST) on Friday, January 15, 2010. 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 49404690. In addition, the call will be available live or in recorded version on the company's website www.bankozarks.com under "Investor Relations."

Bank of the Ozarks, Inc. is a bank holding company with \$2.89 billion in total assets as of September 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 65 banking offices in 34 communities throughout northern, western and central Arkansas, seven 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: www.bankozarks.com.