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**Section 1: 4 (FORM 4 SUBMISSION)**

**FORM 4**

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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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 * WYDOCK EDWARD J		2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol BANK OF THE OZARKS INC [OZRK]		5. 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) Chief Risk Officer	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/18/2017		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
(Street) LITTLE ROCK, AR 72231-8811			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		
(City)	(State)	(Zip)			

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	01/18/2017	^	A	^	1,612	A	\$ 0	2,826	D	^
Common Stock	^	^	^	^	^	^	^	329	I	Shares held in 401(k) at 01/18/2017
Common Stock	^	^	^	^	^	^	^	100	I	Shares held by Spouse

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

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				Code	V		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$52.08	01/18/2017	^	A	^	1,612	^	01/18/2020	01/18/2024	Common Stock	1,612	\$ 0	1,612	D	^

**Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Director	<input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner	<input type="checkbox"/> Officer	<input type="checkbox"/> Other

WYDOCK EDWARD J 17901 CHENAL PARKWAY PO BOX 8811 LITTLE ROCK, AR 72231-8811	Â	Â	Â Chief Risk Officer	Â
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## Signatures

<u>Â /s/ Ed Wydock</u> Signature of Reporting Person	<u>Â 01/20/2017</u> Date
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## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(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).
- (1) These shares were issued under the Company's Restricted Stock and Incentive Plan in accordance with Rule 16b-3(d) and are subject to a substantial risk of forfeiture until vested. 100% of these shares vest on 01/18/2020, three years after the date of grant, if the individual remains employed with the Company through such date.

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## Section 2: EX-24.4\_696114 (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 16th day of May, 2016.

/s/ Edward A Wydock

STATE OF ARKANSAS

COUNTY OF PULASKI

On this the 16th day of May, 2016, before me, Edward A Wydock, 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/ Patricia Hooker  
NOTARY PUBLIC

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