

BANK OF THE OZARKS INC  
Form 8-K  
March 04, 2016

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**WASHINGTON, DC 20549**

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d)**

**of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): March 3, 2016**

**Bank of the Ozarks, Inc.**

**(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

**Arkansas**

**(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)**

**0-22759**  
**(Commission File Number)**

**71-0556208**  
**(IRS Employer Identification No.)**

**17901 Chenal Parkway, Little Rock, Arkansas**

**(Address of principal executive offices)**

**(501) 978-2265**

**72223**

**(Zip Code)**

**(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)**

**Not Applicable**

**(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)**

Check the appropriate box below if the form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2.):

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- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 4.01 Changes in Registrant's Certifying Accountant.**

As previously reported, On February 19, 2016, Bank of the Ozarks, Inc. ( Company ) filed a Current Report on Form 8-K with the Securities and Exchange Commission ( SEC ) to report that (i) on February 18, 2016, the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors of the Company informed Crowe Horwath LLP that it had determined to dismiss Crowe Horwath LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm, effective as of February 19, 2016, the date of the filing of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015 and (ii) that, based upon the recommendation and approval of the Audit Committee, the Company selected PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2016. The Company's engagement of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2016 became effective March 3, 2016 upon execution of the engagement letter on such date.

During the Company's fiscal years ended December 31, 2014 and 2015, and the subsequent interim period through March 3, 2016, neither the Company, nor anyone on its behalf, consulted with PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP regarding either (i) the application of accounting principles to a specified transaction, either completed or proposed; or the type of audit opinion that might be rendered on the Company's consolidated financial statements; and as such, no written report or oral advice was provided, and none was an important factor considered by the Company in reaching a decision as to the accounting, auditing, or financial reporting issues; or (ii) any matter that was either the subject of a disagreement or a reportable event (within the meaning of Item 304(a)(1)(iv) and Item 304(a)(1)(v) of Regulation S-K, respectively).

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

**BANK OF THE OZARKS, INC.**

Date: March 4, 2016

By: /s/ Greg McKinney  
Name: Greg McKinney

Title: Chief Financial Officer and Chief Accounting  
Officer