



## **EZCheck Check Services Ranked Fastest Growing Check Verification Provider**

**HOUSTON, August 18, 2003** – EZCheck<sup>®</sup>, a leading check conversion and authorization company, has been named as the fastest growing check verification provider in the U.S. according to the July 2003 issue of The Nilson Report. In addition to its first-place growth ranking in check verification, EZCheck ranked second in check guarantee, with annual growth rates of 230% and 117% respectively.

“EZCheck’s growth in both check verification and check guarantee is directly related to our ability and commitment to provide advanced products and services that meet our customers’ needs,” said Randy Rutledge, president and chief executive officer. “As one of the initial pioneers of Electronic Check Conversion, EZCheck has leveraged its technology and systems to capture market share and meet the ever-changing demands of the business community,” he added.

The Nilson Report annually ranks the top firms providing verification and guarantee services in the U.S. For 2002 the top providers combined authorized more than 9.60 billion personal and business checks worth \$544.29 billion dollars. EZCheck ranked 14<sup>th</sup> among the top check verification firms and 12<sup>th</sup> among the top check guarantee providers – moving up in both categories from the prior year’s ranking.

The Nilson Report, headquartered in Oxnard, CA, is the world’s leading source of news and proprietary research on consumer payment systems. The publication has been reporting industry news for 32 years and publishes 23 issues annually.

EZCheck is a leading information and payment services company serving thousands of merchants nationwide in a wide variety of industries. EZCheck provides a complete line of check conversion, check guarantee, check verification and collection services to the retail and business community. The company markets through a national network of independent sales organizations and supports operations from its headquarters in Houston, TX. For more information, please visit the company’s website at [www.EZChk.com](http://www.EZChk.com).

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