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EZCheck Names Randy Rutledge President and Chief Executive Officer

HOUSTON, February 25, 2003 – EZCheck,[®] a leading check conversion and authorization company, announced today that Randy Rutledge has joined the company as president and chief executive officer. Mr. Rutledge will also serve on the board of directors.

Mr. Rutledge will be responsible for managing the company's day-to-day operations, developing strategies that position the company for growth, and aggressively driving revenue and profit opportunities. Mr. Rutledge brings with him 22 years of leadership experience in the high growth financial services sector, most recently as senior vice president and chief marketing officer of TeleCheck Services, Inc., a subsidiary of Denver-based First Data Corporation. Rutledge served on both the TeleCheck Executive Committee and the First Data Operating Committee.

"Randy is the ideal fit for EZCheck and fulfills our desire to bring top talent into the organization to fuel growth and deliver results. His experience, enthusiasm, innovation and entrepreneurial spirit will be a great asset to EZCheck," said Michael Gatewood, managing partner of the privately held company.

During Rutledge's 17-year tenure with TeleCheck, he developed an extensive background in the check and credit card payments industry serving in progressively responsible roles from sales to executive management. He was repeatedly acknowledged for his leadership and marketing skills.

EZCheck is a leading information and payment services company serving thousands of merchants nationwide in a wide variety of industries. As one of the initial pioneers, EZCheck has leveraged state-of-the-art technology and systems to capture market share with the explosive growth of Electronic Check Conversion. In addition to check conversion, EZCheck provides a complete line of check guarantee, check verification and collection services to the retail community and is ranked among the top providers of check services in the country.

EZCheck is dedicated to providing unsurpassed value and service to its customers. 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 Web site at www.EZChk.com.

A native of Oklahoma, Mr. Rutledge graduated from the University of Oklahoma and completed the Harvard Business School's Advanced Management Program in 2000. Mr. Rutledge, his wife Nancy and their two daughters, Julie and Laura, live in West Houston.