

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

In re:

EZCORP, INC. SECURITIES
LITIGATION,

This document applies to: ALL CASES

Case No. 14-cv-6834-ALC-AJP

ECF Case

CLASS ACTION

STIPULATION AND AGREEMENT OF SETTLEMENT

This Stipulation and Agreement of Settlement (the “Stipulation”) is entered into between (a) Lead Plaintiff Automotive Machinists Pension Trust (“Lead Plaintiff” or “Automotive Machinists”), on behalf of itself and the Settlement Class (defined below); and (b) Defendants EZCORP, Inc. (“EZCORP”), Paul E. Rothamel (“Rothamel”), Mark E. Kuchenrither (“Kuchenrither”), MS Pawn Limited Partnership (“MS Pawn”), and Phillip Ean Cohen (“Cohen”) (collectively, “Defendants” and, together with Lead Plaintiff, the “Parties”), and embodies the terms and conditions of the settlement of the above-captioned action (the “Action”).¹ Subject to the approval of the Court and the terms and conditions expressly provided herein, this Stipulation is intended to fully, finally and forever compromise, settle, release, resolve, and dismiss with prejudice the Action and all claims asserted therein against Defendants.

WHEREAS:

A. Beginning on August 22, 2014, two class action complaints were filed in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York (the “Court”), styled *Close v. EZCORP, Inc.*, No. 14-cv-6834 (S.D.N.Y.) and *Automotive Machinists Pension Plan v. EZCORP, Inc.*, No.

¹ All terms with initial capitalization not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in ¶ 1 herein.

14-cv-8349 (S.D.N.Y.). The Court consolidated the two actions pursuant to an Order dated November 17, 2014, and ordered that they be referred to collectively as *In re EZCORP, Inc. Securities Litigation*, Master Docket No. 14-cv-6834 (S.D.N.Y.) (the “Action”).

B. By Order dated January 26, 2015, the Court appointed the Automotive Machinists Pension Plan as the Lead Plaintiff, and approved of its selection of counsel, Bernstein Litowitz Berger & Grossmann LLP, as Lead Counsel for the class.

C. On or about March 12, 2015, Lead Plaintiff filed the Consolidated Amended Class Action Complaint (the “Complaint”) asserting claims under Section 10(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Exchange Act”), and Rule 10b-5 promulgated thereunder, against Defendants EZCORP, Rothamel and Kuchenrither; and under Section 20(a) of the Exchange Act against Defendants Rothamel, Kuchenrither, Cohen, and MS Pawn. The Complaint alleges claims on behalf of a class of investors in EZCORP common stock during the period of April 19, 2012, through October 6, 2014, inclusive. The Complaint alleges, among other things, that beginning on April 19, 2012, Defendants misrepresented and failed to disclose the true facts about EZCORP’s business, including the practices of EZCORP’s Cash Genie business.

D. On April 27, 2015, Defendants filed two motions to dismiss the Complaint, which Lead Plaintiff opposed on May 27, 2015. Defendants filed reply briefs on June 16, 2015. By Memorandum and Order dated March 31, 2016, the Court granted in part and denied in part Defendants’ motions to dismiss. The Court sustained claims related to misrepresentations regarding Cash Genie’s regulatory compliance, and sustained claims for control person liability.

E. On April 22, 2016, the Parties filed their Joint Rule 26(f) Report, setting forth, among other things, the respective Parties’ proposed pre-trial schedules.

F. Defendants filed their Answers on or about May 16, 2016.

G. Following an initial pretrial conference, Magistrate Judge Peck set forth certain deadlines related to discovery and class certification issues. On August 2, 2016, Magistrate Judge Peck approved of the Parties' agreed-upon pre-trial scheduling order, setting forth, among other deadlines, a class certification motion deadline of October 3, 2016; a fact discovery cut-off of May 1, 2017; and a trial date of December 11, 2017.

H. Pursuant to the pretrial schedule, on October 3, 2016, Lead Plaintiff filed a motion for class certification supported by, among other things, the Expert Report of Zachary Nye, Ph.D. of Stanford Consulting Group, Inc. Defendants filed an opposition on October 24, 2016, and Lead Plaintiff filed a reply on November 7, 2016, along with a supplemental declaration of Dr. Nye.

I. On November 18, 2016, Lead Counsel and certain counsel for Defendants participated in a full-day mediation session before Robert A. Meyer, Esq. of JAMS. In advance of that session, EZCORP and Lead Plaintiff exchanged and submitted to Mediator Meyer detailed mediation statements and exhibits which addressed the issues of both liability and damages. The session ended without any agreement being reached.

J. Over the course of the next week, Mediator Meyer conducted further discussions with the Parties which culminated in the Parties accepting a mediator's proposal for \$5.9 million. Lead Plaintiff informed the Court of the settlement in principle on or about November 29, 2016.

K. This Stipulation (together with the exhibits hereto) reflects the final and binding agreement between the Parties.

L. Based upon their investigation, prosecution and mediation of the case, Lead Plaintiff and Lead Counsel have concluded that the terms and conditions of this Stipulation are fair, reasonable and adequate to Lead Plaintiff and the other members of the Settlement Class, and in their best interests. Based on Lead Plaintiff's oversight of the prosecution of this matter and

with the advice of its counsel, Lead Plaintiff has agreed to settle and release the claims raised in the Action pursuant to the terms and provisions of this Stipulation, after considering, among other things: (a) the substantial financial benefit that members of the Settlement Class will receive under the proposed Settlement; and (b) the significant risks and costs of continued litigation and trial.

M. This Stipulation constitutes a compromise of matters that are in dispute between the Parties. Defendants are entering into this Stipulation solely to eliminate the uncertainty, burden and expense of further protracted litigation. Each of the Defendants denies any wrongdoing, and this Stipulation shall in no event be construed or deemed to be evidence of or an admission or concession on the part of any of the Defendants with respect to any claim or allegation of any fault or liability or wrongdoing or damage whatsoever, or any infirmity in the defenses that the Defendants have, or could have, asserted. The Defendants expressly deny that Lead Plaintiff has asserted any valid claims as to any of them, and expressly deny any and all allegations of fault, liability, wrongdoing or damages whatsoever. Defendants also have denied and continue to deny, among other allegations, the allegations that the Lead Plaintiff or the Settlement Class have suffered any damage, that the prices of EZCORP publicly traded securities were artificially inflated by reasons of alleged misrepresentations, non-disclosures, or otherwise, or that the Lead Plaintiff or the Settlement Class were harmed by the conduct alleged in the Complaint. Defendants believe that the evidence developed to date supports their position that they acted properly at all times and that the Action is without merit. Nonetheless, Defendants have concluded that further conduct of the Action would be protracted and expensive, and that it is desirable that the Action be fully and finally settled in the manner and upon the terms and conditions set forth in this Stipulation. Defendants also have taken into account the uncertainty and risks inherent in any litigation, especially in complex cases such as the Action. Defendants have, therefore, determined

that it is desirable and beneficial to them that the Action be settled in the manner and upon the terms and conditions set forth in this Stipulation.

N. Similarly, this Stipulation shall in no event be construed or deemed to be evidence of or an admission or concession on the part of Lead Plaintiff of any infirmity in any of the claims asserted in the Action, or an admission or concession that any of the Defendants' defenses to liability had any merit. Each of the Parties recognizes and acknowledges, however, that the Action has been initiated, filed and prosecuted by Lead Plaintiff in good faith and defended by Defendants in good faith, that the Action is being voluntarily settled with the advice of counsel, and that the terms of the Settlement are fair, adequate and reasonable.

NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby STIPULATED AND AGREED, by and among Lead Plaintiff (individually and on behalf of all other members of the Settlement Class) and Defendants, by and through their respective undersigned attorneys and subject to the approval of the Court pursuant to Rule 23(e) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, that, in consideration of the benefits flowing to the Parties from the Settlement, all Released Plaintiffs' Claims as against the Defendants' Releasees and all Released Defendants' Claims as against the Plaintiffs' Releasees shall be settled and released, upon and subject to the terms and conditions set forth below.

DEFINITIONS

1. As used in this Stipulation and any exhibits attached hereto and made a part hereof, the following capitalized terms shall have the following meanings:

(a) "Action" means the consolidated securities class action in the matter styled *In re EZCORP, Inc. Securities Litigation*, Master Case No. 14-cv-6834 (S.D.N.Y.), and includes all actions consolidated therein.

(b) “Alternate Judgment” means a form of final judgment that may be entered by the Court herein but in a form other than the form of Judgment provided for in this Stipulation.

(c) “Authorized Claimant” means a Settlement Class Member who submits a Proof of Claim Form to the Claims Administrator that is approved by the Court for payment from the Net Settlement Fund.

(d) “Claim” means a Proof of Claim Form submitted to the Claims Administrator.

(e) “Claim Form” or “Proof of Claim Form” means the form, substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit 2 to Exhibit A, that a Claimant or Settlement Class Member must complete and submit should that Claimant or Settlement Class Member seek to share in a distribution of the Net Settlement Fund.

(f) “Claimant” means a person or entity who submits a Claim Form to the Claims Administrator seeking to be eligible to share in the proceeds of the Settlement Fund.

(g) “Claims Administrator” means the firm retained by Lead Plaintiff and Lead Counsel, subject to approval of the Court, to provide all notices approved by the Court to potential Settlement Class Members and to administer the Settlement.

(h) “Class Distribution Order” means an order entered by the Court authorizing and directing that the Net Settlement Fund be distributed, in whole or in part, to Authorized Claimants.

(i) “Complaint” means the Consolidated Amended Class Action Complaint filed by Lead Plaintiff in the Action on or about March 12, 2015.

(j) “Court” means the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York.

(k) “Defendants” means EZCORP, MS Pawn, and the Individual Defendants.

(l) “Defendants’ Counsel” means the counsel listed as counsel for the various Defendants on the signature pages.

(m) “Defendants’ Releasees” means Defendants and their current and former Officers, directors, agents, parents, affiliates, subsidiaries, successors, predecessors, assigns, assignees, employees, insurers, reinsurers, and attorneys, in their capacities as such.

(n) “Effective Date” with respect to the Settlement means the first date by which all of the events and conditions specified in ¶ 31 of this Stipulation have been met and have occurred or have been waived.

(o) “Escrow Account” means an account maintained at Valley National Bank wherein the Settlement Amount shall be deposited and held in escrow under the control of Lead Counsel.

(p) “Escrow Agent” means Valley National Bank.

(q) “Escrow Agreement” means the agreement between Lead Counsel and the Escrow Agent setting forth the terms under which the Escrow Agent shall maintain the Escrow Account.

(r) “Excluded Claims” means (i) claims asserted in *In re EZCORP, Inc. Consulting Agreement Derivative Litig.*, Del. Ch. Ct., C.A. No. 9962-VCL; (ii) claims asserted in *In re EZCORP, Inc. Sec. Litig.*, Master File No. 1:15-cv-00608 (W.D. Tex.); (iii) ERISA claims, if any; and (iv) claims of any person or entity who submits a request for exclusion that is accepted by the Court.

(s) “EZCORP” or “the Company” means EZCORP, Inc.

(t) “Final,” with respect to the Judgment or, if applicable, the Alternate Judgment, or any other court order, means: (i) if no appeal is filed, the expiration date of the time provided for filing or noticing any appeal under the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure, *i.e.*, thirty (30) days after entry of the judgment or order; or (ii) if there is an appeal from the judgment or order, (a) the date of final dismissal of all such appeals, or the final dismissal of any proceeding on certiorari or otherwise, or (b) the date the judgment or order is finally affirmed on an appeal, the expiration of the time to file a petition for a writ of certiorari or other form of review, or the denial of a writ of certiorari or other form of review, and, if certiorari or other form of review is granted, the date of final affirmance following review pursuant to that grant. However, any appeal or proceeding seeking subsequent judicial review pertaining solely to an order issued with respect to (i) attorneys’ fees, costs or expenses, or (ii) the plan of allocation of Settlement proceeds (as submitted or subsequently modified), shall not in any way delay or preclude a judgment from becoming Final.

(u) “Immediate Family” means children, stepchildren, parents, stepparents, spouses, siblings, mothers-in-law, fathers-in-law, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law, brothers-in-law, and sisters-in-law. As used in this paragraph, “spouse” shall mean a husband, a wife, or a partner in a state-recognized domestic relationship or civil union.

(v) “Individual Defendants” means Paul E. Rothamel, Mark E. Kuchenrither, and Phillip Ean Cohen.

(w) “Judgment” means the final judgment, substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit B, to be entered by the Court approving the Settlement.

(x) “Lead Counsel” means the law firm of Bernstein Litowitz Berger & Grossmann LLP.

(y) “Lead Plaintiff” means the Automotive Machinists Pension Trust.

(z) “Litigation Expenses” means costs and expenses incurred in connection with commencing, prosecuting and settling the Action (which may include the costs and expenses of Lead Plaintiff directly related to its representation of the Settlement Class), for which Lead Counsel intends to apply to the Court for reimbursement from the Settlement Fund.

(aa) “MS Pawn” means MS Pawn Limited Partnership.

(bb) “Net Settlement Fund” means the Settlement Fund less: (i) any Taxes; (ii) any Notice and Administration Costs; (iii) any Litigation Expenses awarded by the Court; and (iv) any attorneys’ fees awarded by the Court.

(cc) “Notice” means the Notice of (I) Pendency of Class Action, Certification of Settlement Class, and Proposed Settlement; (II) Settlement Fairness Hearing; and (III) Motion for an Award of Attorneys’ Fees and Reimbursement of Litigation Expenses, substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit 1 to Exhibit A, which is to be mailed to Settlement Class Members.

(dd) “Notice and Administration Costs” means the costs, fees and expenses that are incurred by the Claims Administrator and/or Lead Counsel in connection with: (i) providing notices to the Settlement Class; and (ii) administering the Settlement, including but not limited to the Claims process, as well as the costs, fees and expenses incurred in connection with the Escrow Account.

(ee) “Officer” means any officer as that term is defined in Securities and Exchange Act Rule 16a-1(f).

(ff) “Parties” means Defendants and Lead Plaintiff, on behalf of itself and the Settlement Class.

(gg) “Plaintiffs’ Releasees” means Lead Plaintiff, all other plaintiffs in the Action, their respective attorneys, and all other Settlement Class Members, and their respective current and former Officers, directors, agents, parents, affiliates, subsidiaries, successors, predecessors, assigns, assignees, employees, and attorneys, in their capacities as such.

(hh) “Plan of Allocation” means the proposed plan of allocation of the Net Settlement Fund set forth in the Notice.

(ii) “Preliminary Approval Order” means the order, substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A, to be entered by the Court preliminarily approving the Settlement and directing that notice of the Settlement be provided to the Settlement Class.

(jj) “PSLRA” means the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, 15 U.S.C. § 78u-4, as amended.

(kk) “Released Claims” means all Released Defendants’ Claims and all Released Plaintiffs’ Claims.

(ll) “Released Defendants’ Claims” means all claims and causes of action of every nature and description (including, but not limited to, any claims for damages, interest, attorneys’ fees, expert or consulting fees, and any other costs, expenses or liabilities whatsoever), whether known claims or Unknown Claims, whether arising under federal, state, local, common or foreign law, or any other law, rule, ordinance, administrative provision or regulation, that arise out of or relate in any way to the institution, prosecution, or settlement of the claims asserted in the Action against the Defendants. Released Defendants’ Claims do not include any claims relating to the enforcement of the Settlement or any claims against any person or entity who submits a request for exclusion from the Settlement Class that is accepted by the Court.

(mm) “Released Plaintiffs’ Claims” means all claims and causes of action of every nature and description (including, but not limited to, any claims for damages, interest, attorneys’ fees, expert or consulting fees, and any other costs, expenses or liabilities whatsoever), whether known claims or Unknown Claims, whether arising under federal, state, local, common or foreign law, or any other law, rule, ordinance, administrative provision or regulation, that Lead Plaintiff or any other member of the Settlement Class: (i) asserted in the Complaint; or (ii) could have asserted in any forum that arise out of or are based upon the allegations, transactions, facts, matters or occurrences, representations or omissions involved, set forth, or referred to in the Complaint and that relate to the purchase or acquisition of common stock issued by EZCORP during the Settlement Class Period. Released Plaintiffs’ Claims do not include: (a) any claims relating to the enforcement of the Settlement; and (b) any Excluded Claims.

(nn) “Releasee(s)” means each and any of the Defendants’ Releasees and each and any of the Plaintiffs’ Releasees.

(oo) “Releases” means the releases set forth in ¶¶ 5-6 of this Stipulation.

(pp) “Settlement” means the settlement between Lead Plaintiff and Defendants on the terms and conditions set forth in this Stipulation.

(qq) “Settlement Amount” means five million nine hundred thousand dollars (US \$5,900,000.00) in cash.

(rr) “Settlement Class” means all persons and entities who purchased or otherwise acquired Class A common stock issued by EZCORP between April 19, 2012, and October 6, 2014, inclusive, and were damaged thereby. Excluded from the Settlement Class are Defendants; the Officers and directors of the corporate Defendants during the Settlement Class Period (the “Excluded Officers and Directors”); members of the Immediate Families of the

Individual Defendants and of the Excluded Officers and Directors; any entity in which any Defendant, any Excluded Officer or Director, or any of their respective Immediate Family members had during the Settlement Class Period and/or has a controlling interest; Defendants' liability insurance carriers; any affiliates, parents, or subsidiaries of the corporate Defendants; all corporate Defendants' plans that are covered by ERISA; and the legal representatives, heirs, agents, affiliates, successors-in-interest or assigns of any excluded person or entity, in their respective capacity as such. Also excluded from the Settlement Class are any persons and entities who exclude themselves by submitting a request for exclusion that is accepted by the Court.

(ss) "Settlement Class Member" means each person and entity who is a member of the Settlement Class.

(tt) "Settlement Class Period" means the period between April 19, 2012, and October 6, 2014, inclusive.

(uu) "Settlement Fund" means the Settlement Amount plus any and all interest earned thereon.

(vv) "Settlement Hearing" means the hearing set by the Court under Rule 23(e)(2) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure to consider final approval of the Settlement.

(ww) "Summary Notice" means the Summary Notice of (I) Pendency of Class Action, Certification of Settlement Class, and Proposed Settlement; (II) Settlement Fairness Hearing; and (III) Motion for an Award of Attorneys' Fees and Reimbursement of Litigation Expenses, substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit 3 to Exhibit A, to be published as set forth in the Preliminary Approval Order.

(xx) "Taxes" means: (i) all federal, state and/or local taxes of any kind (including any interest or penalties thereon) on any income earned by the Settlement Fund; (ii) the expenses

and costs incurred by Lead Counsel in connection with determining the amount of, and paying, any taxes owed by the Settlement Fund (including, without limitation, expenses of tax attorneys and accountants); and (iii) all taxes imposed on payments by the Settlement Fund, including withholding taxes.

(yy) “Unknown Claims” means any Released Plaintiffs’ Claims which Lead Plaintiff or any other Settlement Class Member does not know or suspect to exist in his, her or its favor at the time of the release of such claims, and any Released Defendants’ Claims which any Defendant or any other Defendants’ Releasee does not know or suspect to exist in his, her, or its favor at the time of the release of such claims, which, if known by him, her or it, might have affected his, her or its decision(s) with respect to this Settlement. With respect to any and all Released Claims, the Parties stipulate and agree that, upon the Effective Date of the Settlement, Lead Plaintiff and Defendants shall expressly waive, and each of the other Settlement Class Members and each of the other Defendants’ Releasees shall be deemed to have waived, and by operation of the Judgment or the Alternate Judgment, if applicable, shall have expressly waived, any and all provisions, rights, and benefits conferred by any law of any state or territory of the United States, or principle of common law or foreign law, which is similar, comparable, or equivalent to California Civil Code §1542, which provides:

A general release does not extend to claims which the creditor does not know or suspect to exist in his or her favor at the time of executing the release, which if known by him or her must have materially affected his or her settlement with the debtor.

Lead Plaintiff and Defendants acknowledge, and each of the other Settlement Class Members and each of the other Defendants’ Releasees shall be deemed by operation of law to have acknowledged, that the foregoing waiver was separately bargained for and a key element of the Settlement.

CLASS CERTIFICATION

2. Solely for purposes of the Settlement and for no other purpose, Defendants stipulate and agree to: (a) certification of the Action as a class action pursuant to Rules 23(a) and 23(b)(3) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure on behalf of the Settlement Class; (b) certification of Lead Plaintiff as Class Representative for the Settlement Class; and (c) appointment of Lead Counsel as Class Counsel for the Settlement Class pursuant to Rule 23(g) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

PRELIMINARY APPROVAL OF SETTLEMENT

3. Promptly upon execution of this Stipulation, Lead Plaintiff will move for preliminary approval of the Settlement, certification of the Settlement Class for settlement purposes only, and the scheduling of a hearing for consideration of final approval of the Settlement, which motion shall be unopposed by Defendants. Concurrently with the motion for preliminary approval, Lead Plaintiff shall apply to the Court for, and Defendants shall agree to, entry of the Preliminary Approval Order, substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A.

RELEASE OF CLAIMS

4. The obligations incurred pursuant to this Stipulation are in consideration of: (i) the full and final disposition of the Action as against Defendants; and (ii) the Releases provided for herein.

5. Pursuant to the Judgment, or the Alternate Judgment, if applicable, without further action by anyone, upon the Effective Date of the Settlement, Lead Plaintiff and each of the other Settlement Class Members, on behalf of themselves, and their respective heirs, executors, administrators, predecessors, successors, and assigns, in their capacities as such, shall be deemed to have, and by operation of law and of the judgment shall have, fully, finally and forever

compromised, settled, released, resolved, relinquished, waived and discharged each and every Released Plaintiffs' Claim against the Defendants and the other Defendants' Releasees, and shall forever be barred and enjoined from prosecuting any or all of the Released Plaintiffs' Claims against any of the Defendants' Releasees. For clarification, this release shall not apply to any Excluded Claim.

6. Pursuant to the Judgment, or the Alternate Judgment, if applicable, without further action by anyone, upon the Effective Date of the Settlement, Defendants, on behalf of themselves, and their respective heirs, executors, administrators, predecessors, successors, and assigns, in their capacities as such, shall be deemed to have, and by operation of law and of the judgment shall have, fully, finally and forever compromised, settled, released, resolved, relinquished, waived and discharged each and every Released Defendants' Claim against Lead Plaintiff and the other Plaintiffs' Releasees, and shall forever be barred and enjoined from prosecuting any or all of the Released Defendants' Claims against any of the Plaintiffs' Releasees. For clarification, this release shall not apply to any person or entity who submits a request for exclusion from the Settlement Class that is accepted by the Court.

7. Notwithstanding ¶¶ 5-6 above, nothing in the Judgment, or the Alternate Judgment, if applicable, shall bar any action by any of the Parties to enforce or effectuate the terms of this Stipulation or the Judgment, or Alternate Judgment, if applicable.

THE SETTLEMENT CONSIDERATION

8. In consideration of the settlement of the Released Plaintiffs' Claims against Defendants and the other Defendants' Releasees, EZCORP shall pay or cause to be paid, on behalf of Defendants, the Settlement Amount into the Escrow Account no later than thirty (30) calendar days after the later of: (a) the date of entry by the Court of an order preliminarily approving this

Settlement; or (b) EZCORP's counsel's receipt from Lead Counsel of the information necessary to effectuate a transfer of funds to the Escrow Account, including wiring instructions that include the bank name and ABA routing number, account name and number, and a signed W-9 reflecting a valid taxpayer identification number for the qualified settlement fund in which the Settlement Amount is to be deposited.

USE OF SETTLEMENT FUND

9. The Settlement Fund shall be used to pay: (a) any Taxes; (b) any Notice and Administration Costs; (c) any Litigation Expenses awarded by the Court; and (d) any attorneys' fees awarded by the Court. The balance remaining in the Settlement Fund, that is, the Net Settlement Fund, shall be distributed to Authorized Claimants as provided in ¶¶ 18-29 below.

10. Except as provided herein or pursuant to orders of the Court, the Net Settlement Fund shall remain in the Escrow Account prior to the Effective Date. All funds held by the Escrow Agent shall be deemed to be in the custody of the Court and shall remain subject to the jurisdiction of the Court until such time as the funds shall be distributed or returned pursuant to the terms of this Stipulation and/or further order of the Court. The Escrow Agent shall invest any funds in the Escrow Account exclusively in United States Treasury Bills (or a mutual fund invested solely in such instruments) and shall collect and reinvest all interest accrued thereon, except that any residual cash balances up to the amount that is insured by the FDIC may be deposited in any account that is fully insured by the FDIC. In the event that the yield on United States Treasury Bills is negative, in lieu of purchasing such Treasury Bills, all or any portion of the funds held by the Escrow Agent may be deposited in any account that is fully insured by the FDIC or backed by the full faith and credit of the United States. Additionally, if short-term placement of the funds is

necessary, all or any portion of the funds held by the Escrow Agent may be deposited in any account that is fully insured by the FDIC or backed by the full faith and credit of the United States.

11. The Parties agree that the Settlement Fund is intended to be a Qualified Settlement Fund within the meaning of Treasury Regulation § 1.468B-1 and that Lead Counsel, as administrator of the Settlement Fund within the meaning of Treasury Regulation § 1.468B-2(k)(3), shall be solely responsible for filing or causing to be filed all informational and other tax returns as may be necessary or appropriate (including, without limitation, the returns described in Treasury Regulation § 1.468B-2(k)) for the Settlement Fund. Lead Counsel shall also be responsible for causing payment to be made from the Settlement Fund of any Taxes owed with respect to the Settlement Fund. The Defendants' Releasees shall not have any liability or responsibility for any such Taxes. Upon written request, Defendants will provide to Lead Counsel the statement described in Treasury Regulation § 1.468B-3(e). Lead Counsel, as administrator of the Settlement Fund within the meaning of Treasury Regulation § 1.468B-2(k)(3), shall timely make such elections as are necessary or advisable to carry out this paragraph, including, as necessary, making a "relation back election," as described in Treasury Regulation § 1.468B-1(j), to cause the Qualified Settlement Fund to come into existence at the earliest allowable date, and shall take or cause to be taken all actions as may be necessary or appropriate in connection therewith.

12. All Taxes shall be paid out of the Settlement Fund, and shall be timely paid by the Escrow Agent pursuant to the disbursement instructions to be set forth in the Escrow Agreement, and without further order of the Court. Any tax returns prepared for the Settlement Fund (as well as the election set forth therein) shall be consistent with the previous paragraph and in all events shall reflect that all Taxes on the income earned by the Settlement Fund shall be paid out of the Settlement Fund as provided herein. The Defendants' Releasees shall have no responsibility or

liability for the acts or omissions of Lead Counsel or its agents with respect to the payment of Taxes, as described herein.

13. The Settlement is not a claims-made settlement. Upon the occurrence of the Effective Date, no Defendant, Defendants' Releasee, or any other person or entity who paid any portion of the Settlement Amount shall have any right to the return of the Settlement Fund or any portion thereof for any reason whatsoever, including without limitation, the number of Claim Forms submitted, the collective amount of Recognized Claims of Authorized Claimants, the percentage of recovery of losses, or the amounts to be paid to Authorized Claimants from the Net Settlement Fund.

14. Notwithstanding the fact that the Effective Date of the Settlement has not yet occurred, Lead Counsel may pay from the Settlement Fund, without further approval from Defendants or further order of the Court, all Notice and Administration Costs actually incurred and paid or payable. Prior to the Effective Date, payment of such Notice and Administration Costs shall be limited to \$200,000. Such costs and expenses shall include, without limitation, the actual costs of printing and mailing the Notice, publishing the Summary Notice, reimbursements to nominee owners for forwarding the Notice to their beneficial owners, the administrative expenses incurred and fees charged by the Claims Administrator in connection with providing notice, administering the Settlement (including processing the submitted Claims), and the fees, if any, of the Escrow Agent. In the event that the Settlement is terminated pursuant to the terms of this Stipulation, all Notice and Administration Costs paid or incurred, including any related fees, shall not be returned or repaid to Defendants, any of the other Defendants' Releasees, or any other person or entity who paid any portion of the Settlement Amount.

ATTORNEYS' FEES AND LITIGATION EXPENSES

15. Lead Counsel will apply to the Court for an award of attorneys' fees to be paid from (and out of) the Settlement Fund. Lead Counsel also will apply to the Court for reimbursement of Litigation Expenses, which may include a request for reimbursement of Lead Plaintiff's costs and expenses directly related to its representation of the Settlement Class, to be paid from (and out of) the Settlement Fund. Lead Counsel's application for an award of attorneys' fees and/or Litigation Expenses is not the subject of any agreement between Defendants and Lead Plaintiff other than what is set forth in this Stipulation.

16. Any attorneys' fees and Litigation Expenses that are awarded by the Court shall be paid to Lead Counsel immediately upon award, notwithstanding the existence of any timely filed objections thereto, or potential for appeal therefrom, or collateral attack on the Settlement or any part thereof, subject to Lead Counsel's obligation to make appropriate refunds or repayments to the Settlement Fund, plus accrued interest at the same net rate as is earned by the Settlement Fund, if the Settlement is terminated pursuant to the terms of this Stipulation or if, as a result of any appeal or further proceedings on remand, or successful collateral attack, the award of attorneys' fees and/or Litigation Expenses is reduced or reversed and such order reducing or reversing the award has become Final. Lead Counsel shall make the appropriate refund or repayment in full no later than thirty (30) calendar days after: (a) receiving from EZCORP's counsel notice of the termination of the Settlement; or (b) any order reducing or reversing the award of attorneys' fees and/or Litigation Expenses has become Final. An award of attorneys' fees and/or Litigation Expenses is not a necessary term of this Stipulation and is not a condition of the Settlement embodied herein. Neither Lead Plaintiff nor Lead Counsel may cancel or terminate the Settlement

based on this Court's or any appellate court's ruling with respect to attorneys' fees and/or Litigation Expenses.

17. The attorneys' fees and Litigation Expenses that are awarded to Lead Counsel shall be payable solely from the Escrow Account.

NOTICE AND SETTLEMENT ADMINISTRATION

18. As part of the Preliminary Approval Order, Lead Plaintiff shall seek appointment of a Claims Administrator. The Claims Administrator shall administer the Settlement, including but not limited to the process of receiving, reviewing and approving or denying Claims, under Lead Counsel's supervision and subject to the jurisdiction of the Court. Other than EZCORP's obligation to provide its securities holders records as provided in ¶ 19 below, none of the Defendants, nor any other Defendants' Releasees, shall have any involvement in or any responsibility, authority or liability whatsoever for the selection of the Claims Administrator, the Plan of Allocation, the administration of the Settlement, the Claims process, or disbursement of the Net Settlement Fund, and shall have no liability whatsoever to any person or entity, including, but not limited to, Lead Plaintiff, any other Settlement Class Members or Lead Counsel in connection with the foregoing. Defendants' Counsel shall cooperate in the administration of the Settlement to the extent reasonably necessary to effectuate its terms.

19. In accordance with the terms of the Preliminary Approval Order to be entered by the Court, Lead Counsel shall cause the Claims Administrator to mail the Notice and Proof of Claim Form to those members of the Settlement Class as may be identified through reasonable effort. Lead Counsel shall also cause the Claims Administrator to have the Summary Notice published in accordance with the terms of the Preliminary Approval Order to be entered by the Court. For the purposes of identifying and providing notice to the Settlement Class, within five

(5) business days of the date of entry of the Preliminary Approval Order, EZCORP shall provide or cause to be provided to the Claims Administrator in electronic format (at no cost to the Settlement Fund, Lead Counsel or the Claims Administrator) its security lists (consisting of names and addresses) of the holders of the EZCORP Class A common stock during the Settlement Class Period.

20. The Claims Administrator shall receive Claims and determine first, whether the Claim is a valid Claim, in whole or part, and second, each Authorized Claimant's *pro rata* share of the Net Settlement Fund based upon each Authorized Claimant's Recognized Claim compared to the total Recognized Claims of all Authorized Claimants (as set forth in the Plan of Allocation set forth in the Notice attached hereto as Exhibit 1 to Exhibit A, or in such other plan of allocation as the Court approves).

21. The Plan of Allocation proposed in the Notice is not a necessary term of the Settlement or of this Stipulation and it is not a condition of the Settlement or of this Stipulation that any particular plan of allocation be approved by the Court. Lead Plaintiff and Lead Counsel may not cancel or terminate the Settlement (or this Stipulation) based on this Court's or any appellate court's ruling with respect to the Plan of Allocation or any other plan of allocation in this Action. Defendants and the other Defendants' Releasees shall not object in any way to the Plan of Allocation or any other plan of allocation in this Action. No Defendant, nor any other Defendants' Releasees, shall have any involvement with or liability, obligation or responsibility whatsoever for the application of the Court-approved plan of allocation.

22. Any Settlement Class Member who does not submit a valid Claim Form will not be entitled to receive any distribution from the Net Settlement Fund, but will otherwise be bound by all of the terms of this Stipulation and Settlement, including the terms of the Judgment or, the

Alternate Judgment, if applicable, to be entered in the Action and the Releases provided for herein and therein, and will be permanently barred and enjoined from bringing any action, claim, or other proceeding of any kind against the Defendants' Releasees with respect to the Released Plaintiffs' Claims in the event that the Effective Date occurs with respect to the Settlement.

23. Lead Counsel shall be responsible for supervising the administration of the Settlement and the disbursement of the Net Settlement Fund subject to Court approval. No Defendant, or any other Defendants' Releasees, shall be permitted to review, contest or object to any Claim Form, or any decision of the Claims Administrator or Lead Counsel with respect to accepting or rejecting any Claim for payment by a Settlement Class Member. Lead Counsel shall have the right, but not the obligation, to waive what it deems to be formal or technical defects in any Claim Forms submitted in the interests of achieving substantial justice.

24. For purposes of determining the extent, if any, to which a Settlement Class Member shall be entitled to be treated as an Authorized Claimant, the following conditions shall apply:

(a) Each Settlement Class Member shall be required to submit a Claim Form, substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit 2 to Exhibit A, supported by such documents as are designated therein, including proof of the Claimant's loss, or such other documents or proof as the Claims Administrator or Lead Counsel, in their discretion, may deem acceptable;

(b) All Claim Forms must be submitted by the date set by the Court in the Preliminary Approval Order and specified in the Notice. Any Settlement Class Member who fails to submit a Claim Form by such date shall be forever barred from receiving any distribution from the Net Settlement Fund or payment pursuant to this Stipulation (unless by Order of the Court such Settlement Class Member's Claim Form is accepted), but shall in all other respects be bound by all of the terms of this Stipulation and the Settlement, including the terms of the Judgment or

Alternate Judgment, if applicable, and the Releases provided for herein and therein, and will be permanently barred and enjoined from bringing any action, claim or other proceeding of any kind against any Defendants' Releasees with respect to any Released Plaintiffs' Claim. Provided that it is mailed by the claim-submission deadline, a Claim Form shall be deemed to be submitted when postmarked, if received with a postmark indicated on the envelope and if mailed by first-class mail and addressed in accordance with the instructions thereon. In all other cases, the Claim Form shall be deemed to have been submitted on the date when actually received by the Claims Administrator;

(c) Each Claim Form shall be submitted to and reviewed by the Claims Administrator who shall determine in accordance with this Stipulation and the plan of allocation the extent, if any, to which each Claim shall be allowed, subject to review by the Court pursuant to subparagraph (e) below as necessary;

(d) Claim Forms that do not meet the submission requirements may be rejected. Prior to rejecting a Claim in whole or in part, the Claims Administrator shall communicate with the Claimant in writing, to give the Claimant the chance to remedy any curable deficiencies in the Claim Form submitted. The Claims Administrator shall notify, in a timely fashion and in writing, all Claimants whose Claim the Claims Administrator proposes to reject in whole or in part, setting forth the reasons therefor, and shall indicate in such notice that the Claimant whose Claim is to be rejected has the right to a review by the Court if the Claimant so desires and complies with the requirements of subparagraph (e) below; and

(e) If any Claimant whose Claim has been rejected in whole or in part desires to contest such rejection, the Claimant must, within twenty (20) calendar days after the date of mailing of the notice required in subparagraph (d) above, serve upon the Claims Administrator a notice and statement of reasons indicating the Claimant's grounds for contesting the rejection

along with any supporting documentation, and requesting a review thereof by the Court. If a dispute concerning a Claim cannot be otherwise resolved, Lead Counsel shall thereafter present the request for review to the Court.

25. Each Claimant shall be deemed to have submitted to the jurisdiction of the Court with respect to the Claimant's Claim, and the Claim will be subject to investigation and discovery under the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, provided, however, that such investigation and discovery shall be limited to that Claimant's status as a Settlement Class Member and the validity and amount of the Claimant's Claim. No discovery shall be allowed on the merits of this Action or of the Settlement in connection with the processing of Claim Forms.

26. Lead Counsel will apply to the Court, on notice to Defendants' Counsel, for a Class Distribution Order: (a) approving the Claims Administrator's administrative determinations concerning the acceptance and rejection of the Claims submitted; (b) approving payment of any administration fees and expenses associated with the administration of the Settlement from the Escrow Account; and (c) if the Effective Date has occurred, directing payment of the Net Settlement Fund to Authorized Claimants from the Escrow Account.

27. Payment pursuant to the Class Distribution Order shall be final and conclusive against all Settlement Class Members. All Settlement Class Members whose Claims are not approved by the Court for payment shall be barred from participating in distributions from the Net Settlement Fund, but otherwise shall be bound by all of the terms of this Stipulation and the Settlement, including the terms of the Judgment or Alternate Judgment, if applicable, to be entered in this Action and the Releases provided for herein and therein, and will be permanently barred and enjoined from bringing any action against any and all Defendants' Releasees with respect to any and all of the Released Plaintiffs' Claims.

28. No person or entity shall have any claim against Lead Plaintiff, Lead Counsel, the Claims Administrator or any other agent designated by Lead Counsel, or the Defendants' Releasees and/or their respective counsel, arising from distributions made substantially in accordance with the Stipulation, the plan of allocation approved by the Court, or any order of the Court. Lead Plaintiff and Defendants, and their respective counsel, and Lead Plaintiff's damages expert and all other Releasees shall have no liability whatsoever for the investment or distribution of the Settlement Fund or the Net Settlement Fund, the plan of allocation, or the determination, administration, calculation, or payment of any claim or nonperformance of the Claims Administrator, the payment or withholding of taxes (including interest and penalties) owed by the Settlement Fund, or any losses incurred in connection therewith.

29. All proceedings with respect to the administration, processing and determination of Claims and the determination of all controversies relating thereto, including disputed questions of law and fact with respect to the validity of Claims, shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the Court. All Settlement Class Members and Parties to this Settlement expressly waive trial by jury (to the extent any such right may exist) and any right of appeal or review with respect to such determinations.

TERMS OF THE JUDGMENT

30. If the Settlement contemplated by this Stipulation is approved by the Court, Lead Counsel and Defendants' Counsel shall request that the Court enter a Judgment, substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit B.

CONDITIONS OF SETTLEMENT AND EFFECT OF DISAPPROVAL, CANCELLATION OR TERMINATION

31. The Effective Date of the Settlement shall be deemed to occur on the occurrence or waiver of all of the following events:

(a) the Court has entered the Preliminary Approval Order, substantially in the form set forth in Exhibit A attached hereto, as required by ¶ 3 above;

(b) the Settlement Amount has been deposited into the Escrow Account in accordance with the provisions of ¶ 8 above;

(c) EZCORP has not exercised its option to terminate the Settlement pursuant to the provisions of this Stipulation (including the Supplemental Agreement described in ¶ 35 below);

(d) Lead Plaintiff has not exercised its option to terminate the Settlement pursuant to the provisions of this Stipulation; and

(e) the Court has approved the Settlement as described herein, following notice to the Settlement Class and a hearing, as prescribed by Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, and entered the Judgment and the Judgment has become Final, or the Court has entered an Alternate Judgment and none of the Parties seek to terminate the Settlement and the Alternate Judgment has become Final.

32. Upon the occurrence of all of the events referenced in ¶ 31 above, any and all remaining interest or right of Defendants in or to the Settlement Fund, if any, shall be absolutely and forever extinguished and the Releases herein shall be effective.

33. If (i) EZCORP exercises its right to terminate the Settlement as provided in this Stipulation; (ii) Lead Plaintiff exercises its right to terminate the Settlement as provided in this Stipulation; (iii) the Court disapproves the Settlement; or (iv) the Effective Date as to the Settlement otherwise fails to occur, then:

(a) The Settlement and the relevant portions of this Stipulation shall be canceled and terminated.

(b) Lead Plaintiff and Defendants shall revert to their respective positions in the Action as of November 23, 2016.

(c) The terms and provisions of this Stipulation, with the exception of this ¶ 33 and ¶¶ 16, 36 and 57, shall have no further force and effect with respect to the Parties and shall not be used in the Action or in any other proceeding for any purpose, and any Judgment, or Alternate Judgment, if applicable, or order entered by the Court in accordance with the terms of this Stipulation shall be treated as vacated, *nunc pro tunc*.

(d) Within five (5) business days after joint written notification of termination is sent by EZCORP's Counsel and Lead Counsel to the Escrow Agent, the Settlement Fund (including accrued interest thereon and any funds received by Lead Counsel consistent with ¶ 16 above), less any Notice and Administration Costs actually incurred, paid or payable and less any Taxes paid, due or owing shall be refunded by the Escrow Agent to EZCORP (or such other persons or entities as EZCORP may direct). In the event that the funds received by Lead Counsel consistent with ¶ 16 above have not been refunded to the Settlement Fund within the five (5) business days specified in this paragraph, those funds shall be refunded by the Escrow Agent to EZCORP (or such other persons or entities as EZCORP may direct) immediately upon their deposit into the Escrow Account consistent with ¶ 16 above.

34. It is further stipulated and agreed that Lead Plaintiff and EZCORP shall each have the right to terminate the Settlement and this Stipulation, by providing written notice of their election to do so ("Termination Notice") to the other Parties to this Stipulation within thirty (30) days of: (a) the Court's final refusal to enter the Preliminary Approval Order in any material respect; (b) the Court's final refusal to approve the Settlement or any material part thereof; (c) the Court's final refusal to enter the Judgment in any material respect as to the Settlement; (d) the date

upon which the Judgment is modified or reversed in any material respect by the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit or the United States Supreme Court; or (e) the date upon which an Alternate Judgment is modified or reversed in any material respect by the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit or the United States Supreme Court, and the provisions of ¶ 33 above shall apply. However, any decision or proceeding, whether in this Court or any appellate court, with respect to an application for attorneys' fees or reimbursement of Litigation Expenses or with respect to any plan of allocation shall not be considered material to the Settlement, shall not affect the finality of any Judgment or Alternate Judgment, if applicable, and shall not be grounds for termination of the Settlement.

35. In addition to the grounds set forth in ¶ 34 above, EZCORP shall have the unilateral right to terminate the Settlement on behalf of all Parties in the event that Settlement Class Members timely and validly requesting exclusion from the Settlement Class meet the conditions set forth in EZCORP's confidential supplemental agreement with Lead Plaintiff (the "Supplemental Agreement"), in accordance with the terms of that agreement. The Supplemental Agreement, which is being executed concurrently herewith, shall not be filed with the Court and its terms shall not be disclosed in any other manner (other than the statements herein and in the Notice, to the extent necessary, or as otherwise provided in the Supplemental Agreement) unless and until the Court otherwise directs or a dispute arises between Lead Plaintiff and EZCORP concerning its interpretation or application, in which event the Parties shall submit the Supplemental Agreement to the Court in camera and request that the Court afford it confidential treatment.

NO ADMISSION OF WRONGDOING

36. Neither this Stipulation (whether or not consummated), including the exhibits hereto and the Plan of Allocation contained therein (or any other plan of allocation that may be

approved by the Court), the negotiations leading to the execution of this Stipulation, nor any proceedings taken pursuant to or in connection with this Stipulation and/or approval of the Settlement (including any arguments proffered in connection therewith):

(a) shall be offered against any of the Defendants' Releasees as evidence of, or construed as, or deemed to be evidence of any presumption, concession, or admission by any of the Defendants' Releasees with respect to the truth of any fact alleged by Lead Plaintiff or the validity of any claim that was or could have been asserted or the deficiency of any defense that has been or could have been asserted in this Action or in any other litigation, or of any liability, negligence, fault, or other wrongdoing of any kind of any of the Defendants' Releasees or in any way referred to for any other reason as against any of the Defendants' Releasees, in any civil, criminal or administrative action or proceeding, other than such proceedings as may be necessary to effectuate the provisions of this Stipulation;

(b) shall be offered against any of the Plaintiffs' Releasees, as evidence of, or construed as, or deemed to be evidence of any presumption, concession or admission by any of the Plaintiffs' Releasees that any of their claims are without merit, that any of the Defendants' Releasees had meritorious defenses, or that damages recoverable under the Complaint would not have exceeded the Settlement Amount or with respect to any liability, negligence, fault or wrongdoing of any kind, or in any way referred to for any other reason as against any of the Plaintiffs' Releasees, in any civil, criminal or administrative action or proceeding, other than such proceedings as may be necessary to effectuate the provisions of this Stipulation; or

(c) shall be construed against any of the Releasees as an admission, concession, or presumption that the consideration to be given hereunder represents the amount which could be or would have been recovered after trial;

provided, however, that if this Stipulation is approved by the Court, the Parties and the Releasees and their respective counsel may refer to it to effectuate the protections from liability granted hereunder or otherwise to enforce the terms of the Settlement.

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

37. EZCORP shall be responsible for timely complying with any notice requirement pursuant to the Class Action Fairness Act of 2005.

38. All of the exhibits attached hereto are hereby incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event that there exists a conflict or inconsistency between the terms of this Stipulation and the terms of any exhibit attached hereto, the terms of the Stipulation shall prevail.

39. Defendants warrant that, as to the payments made or to be made by or on behalf of them, at the time of entering into this Stipulation and at the time of such payment they, or to their knowledge any persons or entities contributing to the payment of the Settlement Amount, were not insolvent, nor will the payment required to be made by or on behalf of them render them insolvent, within the meaning of and/or for the purposes of the United States Bankruptcy Code, including §§ 101 and 547 thereof. This representation is made by each of the Defendants and not by their counsel.

40. In the event of the entry of a final order of a court of competent jurisdiction determining the transfer of money to the Settlement Fund or any portion thereof by or on behalf of Defendants to be a preference, voidable transfer, fraudulent transfer or similar transaction and any portion thereof is required to be returned, and such amount is not promptly deposited into the Settlement Fund by others, then, at the election of Lead Plaintiff, Lead Plaintiff and Defendants shall jointly move the Court to vacate and set aside the Releases given and the Judgment or

Alternate Judgment, if applicable, entered in favor of Defendants and the other Releasees pursuant to this Stipulation, in which event the releases and Judgment, or Alternate Judgment, if applicable, shall be null and void, and the Parties shall be restored to their respective positions in the litigation as provided in ¶ 33 above and any cash amounts in the Settlement Fund (less any Taxes paid, due or owing with respect to the Settlement Fund and less any Notice and Administration Costs actually incurred, paid or payable) shall be returned as provided in ¶ 33.

41. The Parties intend this Stipulation and the Settlement to be a final and complete resolution of all disputes asserted or which could be asserted by Lead Plaintiff and any other Settlement Class Members against the Defendants' Releasees with respect to the Released Plaintiffs' Claims. Accordingly, Lead Plaintiff and its counsel and Defendants and their counsel agree not to assert in any forum that this Action was brought by Lead Plaintiff or defended by Defendants in bad faith or without a reasonable basis. No Party shall assert any claims of any violation of Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure relating to the institution, prosecution, defense, or settlement of this Action. The Parties agree that the amounts paid and the other terms of the Settlement were negotiated at arm's-length and in good faith by the Parties, including through a mediation process supervised and conducted by the Mediator, Robert A. Meyer, Esq., and reflect the Settlement that was reached voluntarily after extensive negotiations and consultation with experienced legal counsel, who were fully competent to assess the strengths and weaknesses of their respective clients' claims or defenses.

42. While retaining their right to deny that the claims asserted in the Action were meritorious, Defendants and their counsel, in any statement made to any media representative (whether or not for attribution), will not assert that the Action was commenced or prosecuted in bad faith, nor will they deny that the Action was commenced and prosecuted in good faith and is

being settled voluntarily after consultation with competent legal counsel. In all events, Lead Plaintiff and its counsel and Defendants and their counsel shall not make any accusations of wrongful or actionable conduct by either Party concerning the prosecution, defense, and resolution of the Action, and shall not otherwise suggest that the Settlement constitutes an admission of any claim or defense alleged.

43. The terms of the Settlement, as reflected in this Stipulation, may not be modified or amended, nor may any of its provisions be waived except by a writing signed on behalf of both Lead Plaintiff and Defendants (or their successors-in-interest).

44. The headings herein are used for the purpose of convenience only and are not meant to have legal effect.

45. The administration and consummation of the Settlement as embodied in this Stipulation shall be under the authority of the Court, and the Court shall retain jurisdiction for the purpose of entering orders providing for awards of attorneys' fees and Litigation Expenses to Lead Counsel and enforcing the terms of this Stipulation, including the Plan of Allocation (or such other plan of allocation as may be approved by the Court) and the distribution of the Net Settlement Fund to Settlement Class Members.

46. The waiver by one Party of any breach of this Stipulation by any other Party shall not be deemed a waiver of any other prior or subsequent breach of this Stipulation.

47. This Stipulation and its exhibits and the Supplemental Agreement constitute the entire agreement among Lead Plaintiff and Defendants concerning the Settlement and this Stipulation and its exhibits. All Parties acknowledge that no other agreements, representations, warranties, or inducements have been made by any Party hereto concerning this Stipulation, its

exhibits or the Supplemental Agreement other than those contained and memorialized in such documents.

48. This Stipulation may be executed in one or more counterparts, including by signature transmitted via facsimile, or by a .pdf/.tif image of the signature transmitted via email. All executed counterparts and each of them shall be deemed to be one and the same instrument.

49. This Stipulation shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the successors and assigns of the Parties, including any and all Releasees and any corporation, partnership, or other entity into or with which any Party hereto may merge, consolidate or reorganize.

50. The construction, interpretation, operation, effect and validity of this Stipulation, the Supplemental Agreement and all documents necessary to effectuate it shall be governed by the internal laws of the State of New York without regard to conflicts of laws, except to the extent that federal law requires that federal law govern.

51. Any action arising under or to enforce this Stipulation or any portion thereof shall be commenced and maintained only in the Court.

52. This Stipulation shall not be construed more strictly against one Party than another merely by virtue of the fact that it, or any part of it, may have been prepared by counsel for one of the Parties, it being recognized that it is the result of arm's-length negotiations between the Parties and all Parties have contributed substantially and materially to the preparation of this Stipulation.

53. All counsel and any other person executing this Stipulation and any of the exhibits hereto, or any related Settlement documents, warrant and represent that they have the full authority to do so and that they have the authority to take appropriate action required or permitted to be taken pursuant to the Stipulation to effectuate its terms.

54. Lead Counsel and Defendants' Counsel agree to cooperate fully with one another in seeking Court approval of the Preliminary Approval Order and the Settlement, as embodied in this Stipulation, and to use best efforts to promptly agree upon and execute all such other documentation as may be reasonably required to obtain final approval by the Court of the Settlement.

55. If any Party is required to give notice to another Party under this Stipulation, such notice shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given upon receipt of hand delivery or facsimile or email transmission, with confirmation of receipt. Notice shall be provided as follows:

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56. Except as otherwise provided herein, each Party shall bear its own costs.

57. Whether or not the Stipulation is approved by the Court and whether or not the Stipulation is consummated, or the Effective Date occurs, the Parties and their counsel shall use their best efforts to keep all negotiations, discussions, acts performed, agreements, drafts, documents signed and proceedings in connection with the Stipulation confidential.

58. All agreements made and orders entered during the course of this Action relating to the confidentiality of information shall survive this Settlement.

59. No opinion or advice concerning the tax consequences of the proposed Settlement to individual Settlement Class Members is being given or will be given by the Parties or their counsel; nor is any representation or warranty in this regard made by virtue of this Stipulation. Each Settlement Class Member's tax obligations, and the determination thereof, are the sole responsibility of the Settlement Class Member, and it is understood that the tax consequences may vary depending on the particular circumstances of each individual Settlement Class Member.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have caused this Stipulation to be executed, by their duly authorized attorneys, as of December 22, 2016.

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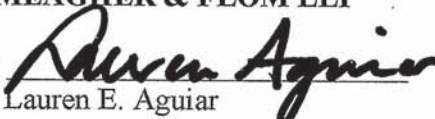
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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

In re:

EZCORP, INC. SECURITIES
LITIGATION,

This document applies to: ALL CASES

No. 14-cv-6834-ALC-AJP

Hon. Andrew L. Carter, Jr.

CLASS ACTION

EXHIBIT A

**[PROPOSED] ORDER PRELIMINARILY APPROVING
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AND PROVIDING FOR NOTICE**

WHEREAS, a securities class action is pending in this Court entitled *In re: EZCORP, Inc. Securities Litigation*, Case No. 14-cv-6834 (the “Action”);

WHEREAS, (a) Lead Plaintiff Automotive Machinists Pension Trust (“Lead Plaintiff” or “Automotive Machinists”), on behalf of itself and the Settlement Class (defined below); and (b) Defendants EZCORP, Inc. (“EZCORP”), Paul E. Rothamel, Mark E. Kuchenrither, MS Pawn Limited Partnership, and Phillip Ean Cohen (collectively, “Defendants” and, together with Lead Plaintiff, the “Parties”), have determined to settle all claims asserted against Defendants in this Action on the terms and conditions set forth in the Stipulation and Agreement of Settlement (the “Stipulation”) subject to approval of this Court (the “Settlement”);

WHEREAS, Lead Plaintiff made an application, pursuant to Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, for an order preliminarily approving the Settlement in accordance with the Stipulation, certifying the Settlement Class for purposes of the Settlement only, and authorizing notice to the Settlement Class as more fully described herein;

WHEREAS, the Court has read and considered (a) the request for preliminary approval of the Settlement, and the papers filed and arguments made in connection therewith; and (b) the Stipulation and the exhibits attached thereto; and

WHEREAS, unless otherwise defined herein, all capitalized words contained herein shall have the same meanings as they have in the Stipulation.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. **Class Certification for Settlement Purposes** – Pursuant to Rules 23(a) and (b)(3) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the Court certifies, solely for purposes of effectuating the proposed Settlement, a Settlement Class consisting of all persons and entities who purchased or otherwise acquired Class A common stock issued by EZCORP between April 19, 2012, and

October 6, 2014, inclusive, and were damaged thereby. Excluded from the Settlement Class are Defendants; the Officers and directors of the corporate Defendants during the Settlement Class Period (the “Excluded Officers and Directors”); members of the Immediate Families of the Individual Defendants and of the Excluded Officers and Directors; any entity in which any Defendant, any Excluded Officer or Director, or any of their respective Immediate Family members had during the Settlement Class Period and/or has a controlling interest; Defendants’ liability insurance carriers; any affiliates, parents, or subsidiaries of the corporate Defendants; all corporate Defendants’ plans that are covered by ERISA; and the legal representatives, heirs, agents, affiliates, successors-in-interest or assigns of any excluded person or entity, in their respective capacity as such. Also excluded from the Settlement Class are any persons and entities who exclude themselves by submitting a request for exclusion that is accepted by the Court.

2. **Class Findings** – Solely for purposes of the proposed Settlement of this Action, the Court finds that each element required for certification of the Settlement Class pursuant to Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure has been met: (a) the members of the Settlement Class are so numerous that their joinder in the Action would be impracticable; (b) there are questions of law and fact common to the Settlement Class which predominate over any individual questions; (c) the claims of Lead Plaintiff in the Action are typical of the claims of the Settlement Class; (d) Lead Plaintiff and Lead Counsel have and will fairly and adequately represent and protect the interests of the Settlement Class; and (e) a class action is superior to other available methods for the fair and efficient adjudication of the Action.

3. The Court hereby finds and concludes that pursuant to Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, and for the purposes of the Settlement only, Lead Plaintiff is an adequate class representative and is appointed as Class Representative for the Settlement Class, and Lead Counsel

is appointed as Class Counsel for the Settlement Class, pursuant to Rule 23(g) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

4. **Preliminary Approval of the Settlement** – The Court hereby preliminarily approves the Settlement, as embodied in the Stipulation, as being fair, reasonable and adequate to the Settlement Class, subject to further consideration at the Settlement Hearing (defined below) to be conducted as described below.

5. **Settlement Hearing** – The Court will hold a settlement hearing (the “Settlement Hearing” or “Settlement Fairness Hearing”) on _____, 2017, at _____ a.m./p.m. at the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, Thurgood Marshall United States Courthouse, Courtroom 1306, 40 Foley Square, New York, NY 10007, for the following purposes: (a) to determine whether the proposed Settlement on the terms and conditions provided for in the Stipulation is fair, reasonable and adequate to the Settlement Class, and should be approved by the Court; (b) to determine whether a Judgment substantially in the form attached as Exhibit B to the Stipulation should be entered dismissing the Action with prejudice; (c) to determine whether the proposed Plan of Allocation for the proceeds of the Settlement is fair and reasonable and should be approved; (d) to determine whether the motion by Lead Counsel for an award of attorneys’ fees and reimbursement of Litigation Expenses should be approved; and (e) to consider any other matters that may properly be brought before the Court in connection with the Settlement. Notice of the Settlement and the Settlement Hearing shall be given to members of the Settlement Class as set forth in paragraph 7 of this Order.

6. The Court may adjourn the Settlement Hearing and approve the proposed Settlement with such modifications as the Parties may agree to, if appropriate, without further notice to the Settlement Class.

7. **Retention of Claims Administrator and Manner of Giving Notice** – The Court authorizes Lead Counsel to retain Garden City Group, LLC (the “Claims Administrator”) to supervise and administer the notice procedure in connection with the proposed Settlement as well as the processing of Claims as more fully set forth below. Notice of the Settlement and the Settlement Hearing shall be given by Lead Counsel as follows:

(a) not later than ten (10) business days following entry of this Order (the “Notice Date”), the Claims Administrator shall cause a copy of the Notice and the Claim Form, substantially in the forms attached hereto as Exhibits A-1 and A-2, respectively (the “Notice Packet”), to be mailed by first-class mail to potential members of the Settlement Class at the addresses set forth in the list(s) identifying potential members of the Settlement Class to be provided by EZCORP as set forth in paragraph 19 of the Stipulation, or who otherwise may be identified through further reasonable effort;

(b) contemporaneously with the mailing of the Notice Packet, the Claims Administrator shall cause copies of the Notice and the Claim Form to be posted on a website to be developed for the Settlement, from which copies of the Notice and Claim Form can be downloaded;

(c) not later than five (5) business days after the Notice Date, the Claims Administrator shall cause the Summary Notice, substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A-3, to be published once in *Investor’s Business Daily* and to be transmitted once over the *PR Newswire*; and

(d) not later than thirty-five (35) days prior to the Settlement Hearing, Lead Counsel shall file with the Court proof, by affidavit or declaration, of such mailing and publication.

8. **Approval of Form and Content of Notice** – The Court (a) approves, as to form and content, the Notice, the Claim Form, and the Summary Notice, attached hereto as Exhibits A-1, A-2, and A-3, respectively; and (b) finds that the mailing and distribution of the Notice and Claim Form and the publication of the Summary Notice in the manner and form set forth in paragraph 7 of this Order (i) is the best notice practicable under the circumstances; (ii) constitutes notice that is reasonably calculated, under the circumstances, to apprise members of the Settlement Class of the pendency of the Action, of the effect of the proposed Settlement (including the Releases to be provided thereunder), of Lead Counsel’s motion for an award an attorneys’ fees and reimbursement of Litigation Expenses, of their right to object to the Settlement, the Plan of Allocation and/or Lead Counsel’s motion for attorneys’ fees and reimbursement of Litigation Expenses, of their right to exclude themselves from the Settlement Class, and of their right to appear at the Settlement Hearing; (iii) constitutes due, adequate and sufficient notice to all persons and entities entitled to receive notice of the proposed Settlement; and (iv) satisfies the requirements of Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the United States Constitution (including the Due Process Clause), the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 (“PSLRA”), 15 U.S.C. § 78u-4, *et seq.*, as amended, and all other applicable law and rules. The date and time of the Settlement Hearing shall be included in the Notice and Summary Notice before they are mailed and published, respectively.

9. **Nominee Procedures** – Brokers and other nominees who, during the Settlement Class Period, purchased or otherwise acquired Class A common stock issued by EZCORP for the benefit of another person or entity shall (a) within seven (7) calendar days of receipt of the Notice, request from the Claims Administrator sufficient copies of the Notice Packet to forward to all such beneficial owners and within seven (7) calendar days of receipt of those Notice Packets forward

them to all such beneficial owners; or (b) within seven (7) calendar days of receipt of the Notice, send a list of the names and addresses of all such beneficial owners to the Claims Administrator in which event the Claims Administrator shall promptly mail the Notice Packet to such beneficial owners. Upon full compliance with this Order, such nominees may seek reimbursement of their reasonable expenses actually incurred in complying with this Order by providing the Claims Administrator with proper documentation supporting the expenses for which reimbursement is sought. Such properly documented expenses incurred by nominees in compliance with the terms of this Order shall be paid from the Settlement Fund, with any disputes as to the reasonableness or documentation of expenses incurred subject to review by the Court.

10. **Participation in the Settlement** – Members of the Settlement Class who wish to be potentially eligible to receive a distribution from the Net Settlement Fund must complete and submit a Claim Form in accordance with the instructions contained therein. Unless the Court orders otherwise, all Claim Forms must be postmarked no later than one-hundred and twenty (120) days after the Notice Date. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Lead Counsel may, at its discretion, accept for processing late Claims provided such acceptance does not delay the distribution of the Net Settlement Fund to the Settlement Class. By submitting a Claim, a person or entity shall be deemed to have submitted to the jurisdiction of the Court with respect to his, her or its Claim and the subject matter of the Settlement.

11. Each Claim Form submitted must satisfy the following conditions: (a) it must be properly completed, signed and submitted in a timely manner in accordance with the provisions of the preceding paragraph; (b) it must be accompanied by adequate supporting documentation for the transactions and holdings reported therein, in the form of broker confirmation slips, broker account statements, an authorized statement from the broker containing the transactional and

holding information found in a broker confirmation slip or account statement, or such other documentation as is deemed adequate by Lead Counsel or the Claims Administrator; (c) if the person executing the Claim Form is acting in a representative capacity, a certification of his, her or its current authority to act on behalf of the member of the Settlement Class must be included in the Claim Form to the satisfaction of Lead Counsel or the Claims Administrator; and (d) the Claim Form must be complete and contain no material deletions or modifications of any of the printed matter contained therein and must be signed under penalty of perjury.

12. Any member of the Settlement Class who does not timely and validly submit a Proof of Claim Form or whose Claim is not otherwise approved by the Court: (a) shall be deemed to have waived his, her or its right to share in the Net Settlement Fund; (b) shall be forever barred from participating in any distributions therefrom; (c) shall be bound by the provisions of the Stipulation and the Settlement and all proceedings, determinations, orders and judgments in the Action relating thereto, including, without limitation, the Judgment or Alternate Judgment, if applicable, and the Releases provided for therein, whether favorable or unfavorable to the Settlement Class; and (d) will be barred from commencing, maintaining or prosecuting any of the Released Plaintiffs' Claims against each and all of the Defendants' Releasees, as more fully described in the Stipulation and Notice. Notwithstanding the foregoing, late Claim Forms may be accepted for processing as set forth in paragraph 10 above.

13. **Exclusion from the Settlement Class** – Any member of the Settlement Class who wishes to exclude himself, herself or itself from the Settlement Class must request exclusion in writing within the time and in the manner set forth in the Notice, which shall provide that: (a) any such request for exclusion from the Settlement Class must be mailed or delivered such that it is received no later than twenty-one (21) days prior to the Settlement Hearing, to: EZCORP

Securities Litigation, c/o GCG, P.O. Box 10354, Dublin, OH 43017-5554, and (b) that each request for exclusion must (i) state the name, address and telephone number of the person or entity requesting exclusion, and in the case of entities the name and telephone number of the appropriate contact person; (ii) state that such person or entity “requests exclusion from the Settlement Class in *In re: EZCORP, Inc. Securities Litigation*, Case No. 14-cv-6834”; (iii) state the number of shares of EZCORP Class A common stock that the person or entity requesting exclusion purchased/acquired and/or sold during the Settlement Class Period, as well as the dates and prices of each such purchase/acquisition and sale, and their opening position in EZCORP Class A common stock as of the opening of trading on April 19, 2012; and (iv) be signed by the person or entity requesting exclusion or an authorized representative. A request for exclusion shall not be effective unless it provides all the required information and is received within the time stated above, or is otherwise accepted by the Court.

14. Any person or entity who timely and validly requests exclusion in compliance with the terms stated in this Order and is excluded from the Settlement Class shall not be a member of the Settlement Class, shall not be bound by the terms of the Settlement or any orders or judgments in the Action and shall not receive any payment out of the Net Settlement Fund.

15. Any member of the Settlement Class who does not timely and validly request exclusion from the Settlement Class in the manner stated in this Order: (a) shall be deemed to have waived his, her or its right to be excluded from the Settlement Class; (b) shall be forever barred from requesting exclusion from the Settlement Class in this or any other proceeding; (c) shall be bound by the provisions of the Stipulation and Settlement and all proceedings, determinations, orders and judgments in the Action, including, but not limited to, the Judgment or, the Alternate Judgment, if applicable, and the Releases provided for therein, whether favorable or unfavorable

to the Settlement Class; and (d) will be barred from commencing, maintaining or prosecuting any of the Released Plaintiffs' Claims against any of the Defendants' Releasees, as more fully described in the Stipulation and Notice.

16. **Appearance and Objections at Settlement Hearing** – Any member of the Settlement Class who does not request exclusion from the Settlement Class may enter an appearance in the Action, at his, her or its own expense, individually or through counsel of his, her or its own choice, by filing with the Clerk of Court and delivering a notice of appearance to both Lead Counsel and EZCORP's Counsel, at the addresses set forth in paragraph 17 below, such that it is received no later than twenty-one (21) days prior to the Settlement Hearing, or as the Court may otherwise direct. Any member of the Settlement Class who does not enter an appearance will be represented by Lead Counsel.

17. Any member of the Settlement Class who does not request exclusion from the Settlement Class may file a written objection to the proposed Settlement, the proposed Plan of Allocation, and/or Lead Counsel's motion for an award of attorneys' fees and reimbursement of Litigation Expenses and appear and show cause, if he, she or it has any cause, why the proposed Settlement, the proposed Plan of Allocation and/or Lead Counsel's motion for attorneys' fees and reimbursement of Litigation Expenses should not be approved; *provided, however*, that no member of the Settlement Class shall be heard or entitled to contest the approval of the terms and conditions of the proposed Settlement, the proposed Plan of Allocation and/or the motion for attorneys' fees and reimbursement of Litigation Expenses unless that person or entity has filed a written objection with the Court and served copies of such objection on Lead Counsel and EZCORP's Counsel at the addresses set forth below such that they are received no later than twenty-one (21) days prior to the Settlement Hearing.

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18. Any objections, filings and other submissions by the objecting members of the Settlement Class (a) must state the name, address and telephone number of the person or entity objecting and must be signed by the objector; (b) must contain a statement of the objection or objections, and the specific reasons for each objection, including any legal and evidentiary support the member of the Settlement Class wishes to bring to the Court's attention; and (c) must include documents sufficient to prove membership in the Settlement Class, including the number of shares of EZCORP Class A common stock that the objecting Settlement Class Member purchased/acquired and/or sold during the Settlement Class Period, as well as the dates and prices of each such purchase/acquisition and sale, and their opening position in EZCORP Class A common stock as of the opening of trading on April 19, 2012.

19. Any Settlement Class Member who does not make his, her or its objection in the manner provided herein shall be deemed to have waived his, her or its right to object to any aspect of the proposed Settlement, the proposed Plan of Allocation, and Lead Counsel's motion for an award of attorneys' fees and reimbursement of Litigation Expenses and shall be forever barred and foreclosed from objecting to the fairness, reasonableness or adequacy of the Settlement, the Plan of Allocation or the requested attorneys' fees and Litigation Expenses, or from otherwise being heard concerning the Settlement, the Plan of Allocation or the requested attorneys' fees and Litigation Expenses in this or any other proceeding.

20. **Stay of Proceedings** – Until otherwise ordered by the Court, the Court stays all proceedings in the Action other than proceedings necessary to carry out or enforce the terms and conditions of the Stipulation.

21. **Settlement Administration Fees and Expenses** – All reasonable costs incurred in identifying members of the Settlement Class and notifying them of the Settlement as well as in administering the Settlement shall be paid as set forth in the Stipulation without further order of the Court. Other than the cost of providing the list of potential members of the Settlement Class as set forth in paragraph 19 of the Stipulation, all fees, costs, and expenses incurred in identifying and notifying members of the Settlement Class or in administering the Settlement shall be paid from the Settlement Fund and in no event shall the Defendants bear any responsibility for such fees, costs, or expenses, subject to paragraph 14 of the Stipulation.

22. **Settlement Fund** – The contents of the Settlement Fund held by Valley National Bank (which the Court approves as the Escrow Agent) shall be deemed and considered to be *in custodia legis* of the Court, and shall remain subject to the jurisdiction of the Court, until such time as they shall be distributed pursuant to the Stipulation and/or further order(s) of the Court.

23. **Taxes** – Lead Counsel is authorized and directed to prepare any tax returns and any other tax reporting form for or in respect of the Settlement Fund, to pay from the Settlement Fund any Taxes owed with respect to the Settlement Fund, and to otherwise perform all obligations with respect to Taxes and any reporting or filings in respect thereof without further order of the Court in a manner consistent with the provisions of the Stipulation.

24. **Termination of Settlement** – If the Settlement is terminated as provided in the Stipulation, the Settlement is not approved, or the Effective Date of the Settlement otherwise fails to occur, (a) this Order shall be vacated, rendered null and void and be of no further force and

effect, except as otherwise provided by the Stipulation, and shall not prejudice the rights of Lead Plaintiff, other members of the Settlement Class, and the Defendants; (b) the Parties shall revert to their respective positions in the Action on November 23, 2016; and (c) the balance of the Settlement Fund shall be refunded as provided in further detail in the Stipulation.

25. **Use of this Order** – Neither this Order nor the Stipulation (whether or not the Settlement is consummated), including the exhibits thereto and the Plan of Allocation contained therein (or any other plan of allocation that may be approved by the Court), the negotiations leading to the execution of the Stipulation, nor any proceedings taken pursuant to or in connection with the Stipulation and/or approval of the Settlement (including any arguments proffered in connection therewith):

(a) shall be offered against any of the Defendants' Releasees as evidence of, or construed as, or deemed to be evidence of any presumption, concession, or admission by any of the Defendants' Releasees with respect to the truth of any fact alleged by Lead Plaintiff or the validity of any claim that was or could have been asserted or the deficiency of any defense that has been or could have been asserted in this Action or in any other litigation, or of any liability, negligence, fault, or other wrongdoing of any kind of any of the Defendants' Releasees or in any way referred to for any other reason as against any of the Defendants' Releasees, in any civil, criminal or administrative action or proceeding, other than such proceedings as may be necessary to effectuate the provisions of the Stipulation;

(b) shall be offered against any of the Plaintiffs' Releasees, as evidence of, or construed as, or deemed to be evidence of any presumption, concession or admission by any of the Plaintiffs' Releasees that any of their claims are without merit, that any of the Defendants' Releasees had meritorious defenses, or that damages recoverable under the Complaint would not

have exceeded the Settlement Amount or with respect to any liability, negligence, fault or wrongdoing of any kind, or in any way referred to for any other reason as against any of the Plaintiffs' Releasees, in any civil, criminal or administrative action or proceeding, other than such proceedings as may be necessary to effectuate the provisions of the Stipulation; or

(c) shall be construed against any of the Releasees as an admission, concession, or presumption that the consideration to be given under the Settlement represents the amount which could be or would have been recovered after trial; *provided, however*, that if the Stipulation is approved by the Court, the Parties and the Releasees and their respective counsel may refer to it to effectuate the protections from liability granted thereunder or otherwise to enforce the terms of the Settlement, and that nothing herein shall limit the materials or evidence that may be offered or referred to by Defendants' Releasees in disputes, actions, or proceedings arising between Defendants' Releasees.

26. **Supporting Papers** – Lead Counsel shall file and serve the opening papers in support of the proposed Settlement, the Plan of Allocation, and Lead Counsel's motion for an award of attorneys' fees and reimbursement of Litigation Expenses no later than thirty-five (35) days prior to the Settlement Hearing; and reply papers, if any, shall be filed and served no later than seven (7) days prior to the Settlement Hearing.

27. Defendants' Releasees shall have no responsibility for the Plan of Allocation or any application for attorneys' fees or expenses submitted by Lead Counsel or Lead Plaintiff, and such matters will be considered separately from the fairness, reasonableness, and adequacy of the Settlement. Any decision or proceeding with respect to an application for attorneys' fees or reimbursement of Litigation Expenses or with respect to any plan of allocation shall not affect the finality of any Judgment or Alternate Judgment, if applicable.

28. **CAFA Notice:** EZCORP shall be responsible for timely service of any notice described in the Class Action Fairness Act, 28 U.S.C. § 1715.

29. The Court retains jurisdiction to consider all further applications arising out of or connected with the proposed Settlement.

SO ORDERED this _____ day of _____, 201_.

Hon. Andrew L. Carter, Jr.
United States District Judge

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

In re:

EZCORP, INC. SECURITIES
LITIGATION,

This document applies to: ALL CASES

No. 14-cv-6834-ALC-AJP

Hon. Andrew L. Carter, Jr.

CLASS ACTION

EXHIBIT A-1

**NOTICE OF (I) PENDENCY OF CLASS ACTION,
CERTIFICATION OF SETTLEMENT CLASS, AND PROPOSED SETTLEMENT;
(II) SETTLEMENT FAIRNESS HEARING; AND (III) MOTION FOR AN AWARD OF
ATTORNEYS' FEES AND REIMBURSEMENT OF LITIGATION EXPENSES**

A Federal Court authorized this Notice. This is not a solicitation from a lawyer.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF CLASS ACTION: Please be advised that your rights may be affected by the above-captioned securities class action (the "Action") pending in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York (the "Court"), if, during the period between April 19, 2012, and October 6, 2014, inclusive (the "Settlement Class Period"), you purchased or otherwise acquired Class A common stock issued by EZCORP, Inc. ("EZCORP"), and were damaged thereby (the "Settlement Class").¹

NOTICE OF PROPOSED SETTLEMENT: Please also be advised that the Court-appointed Lead Plaintiff Automotive Machinists Pension Trust ("Lead Plaintiff" or "Automotive Machinists"), on behalf of itself and the Settlement Class (as defined in ¶6 below), has reached a proposed settlement of the Action for \$5,900,000.00 in cash that, if approved, will resolve all claims in the Action (the "Settlement").

PLEASE READ THIS NOTICE CAREFULLY. This Notice explains important rights you may have, including the possible receipt of cash from the Settlement. If you are a member of the Settlement Class, your legal rights will be affected whether or not you act.

If you have any questions about this Notice, the proposed Settlement, or your eligibility to participate in the Settlement, please DO NOT contact the Defendants or their counsel. All questions should be directed to Lead Counsel or the Claims Administrator (see ¶6 below).

¹ Any capitalized terms used in this Notice that are not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Stipulation and Agreement of Settlement (the "Stipulation"), which is available at www.EZCORPsecuritiesSettlement.com.

1. **Description of the Action and the Settlement Class:** This Notice relates to a proposed Settlement of claims in a pending securities class action brought by investors alleging, among other things, that beginning on April 19, 2012, Defendants violated the federal securities laws by making false and misleading statements and omissions regarding EZCORP's business, including the practices of EZCORP's Cash Genie business. The proposed Settlement, if approved by the Court, will settle claims of the Settlement Class, as defined below.

2. **Statement of the Settlement Class' Recovery:** Subject to Court approval, Lead Plaintiff, on behalf of itself and the Settlement Class, has agreed to settle the Action in exchange for a settlement payment of \$5.9 million in cash (the "Settlement Amount") to be deposited into an escrow account. The Net Settlement Fund (*i.e.*, the Settlement Amount plus any and all interest earned thereon (the "Settlement Fund") less (a) any Taxes, (b) any Notice and Administration Costs, (c) any Litigation Expenses awarded by the Court, and (d) any attorneys' fees awarded by the Court) will be distributed in accordance with a plan of allocation that is approved by the Court, which will determine how the Net Settlement Fund shall be allocated among Settlement Class Members who submit valid claims. The proposed plan of allocation (the "Plan of Allocation") is set forth below in paragraphs 52-75.

3. **Estimate of Average Amount of Recovery Per Share:** Based on Lead Plaintiff's damages expert's estimate of the number of shares of EZCORP Class A common stock purchased during the Settlement Class Period that may have been affected by the conduct at issue in the Action and assuming that all Settlement Class Members submit valid Claim Forms, the estimated average recovery (before the deduction of any Court-approved fees, expenses and costs as described herein) per damaged share of EZCORP Class A common stock is \$0.18. Settlement Class Members should note, however, that the foregoing average recovery per share is only an estimate. Some Settlement Class Members may recover more or less than this estimated amount depending on, among other factors, when and at what prices they purchased/acquired or sold their shares, and the total number of valid Claim Forms submitted. Distributions to Settlement Class Members will be made based on the Plan of Allocation set forth herein or such other plan of allocation as may be ordered by the Court.

4. **Average Amount of Damages Per Share:** The Parties do not agree on the average amount of damages per share that would be recoverable if Lead Plaintiff prevailed in the Action. Among other things, Defendants do not agree with the assertion that they violated the federal securities laws, made any misstatements, or that any damages were suffered by any Settlement Class Members as a result of their conduct.

5. **Attorneys' Fees and Expenses Sought:** Court-appointed Lead Counsel, Bernstein Litowitz Berger & Grossmann LLP ("Lead Counsel"), which has been prosecuting the Action on a wholly contingent basis since its inception, has not received any payment of attorneys' fees for its representation of the Settlement Class and has advanced the funds to pay expenses necessarily incurred to prosecute this Action. Lead Counsel will apply to the Court for an award of attorneys' fees in an amount not to exceed 25% of the Settlement Amount, plus interest. In addition, Lead Counsel will apply for reimbursement of Litigation Expenses paid or incurred in connection with the institution, prosecution and resolution of the claims, in an amount not to exceed \$400,000, which may include an application for reimbursement of the reasonable costs and expenses incurred by Lead Plaintiff directly related to its representation of the Settlement Class. Any fees and expenses awarded by the Court will be paid from the Settlement Fund. Settlement Class Members are not personally liable for any such fees or expenses. If the Court approves Lead Counsel's fee

and expense application, the average cost per damaged share of EZCORP Class A common stock will be approximately \$0.06.

6. **Identification of Settlement Class and Attorney Representatives:** The Court has preliminarily certified for purposes of the proposed Settlement the following Settlement Class: all persons and entities who purchased or otherwise acquired Class A common stock issued by EZCORP between April 19, 2012, and October 6, 2014, inclusive, and were damaged thereby. Excluded from the Settlement Class are Defendants; the Officers and directors of the corporate Defendants during the Settlement Class Period (the “Excluded Officers and Directors”); members of the Immediate Families of the Individual Defendants and of the Excluded Officers and Directors; any entity in which any Defendant, any Excluded Officer or Director, or any of their respective Immediate Family members had during the Settlement Class Period and/or has a controlling interest; Defendants’ liability insurance carriers; any affiliates, parents, or subsidiaries of the corporate Defendants; all corporate Defendants’ plans that are covered by ERISA; and the legal representatives, heirs, agents, affiliates, successors-in-interest or assigns of any excluded person or entity, in their respective capacity as such. Also excluded from the Settlement Class are any persons and entities who exclude themselves by submitting a request for exclusion that is accepted by the Court.

The Court has appointed Lead Plaintiff as Class Representative for the Settlement Class, and Lead Counsel Bernstein Litowitz Berger & Grossmann LLP as Class Counsel for the Settlement Class. Lead Counsel’s contact information is as follows:

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7. **Reasons for the Settlement:** Lead Plaintiff’s principal reason for entering into the Settlement is the substantial immediate cash benefit for the Settlement Class without the risk or the delays inherent in further litigation. Moreover, the substantial cash benefit provided under the Settlement must be considered against the significant risk that a smaller recovery – or indeed no recovery at all – might be achieved after additional contested motions, including Lead Plaintiff’s motion for class certification that was pending when the Settlement was reached; Defendants’ likely motions for summary judgment; a trial of the Action; and likely appeals that would follow a trial, a process that could be expected to last several years. Defendants, who deny all allegations of wrongdoing or liability whatsoever, are entering into the Settlement solely to eliminate the uncertainty, burden and expense of further protracted litigation.

YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS AND OPTIONS IN THE SETTLEMENT:	
SUBMIT A CLAIM FORM POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN _____, 2017.	This is the only way to be potentially eligible to receive a payment from the Settlement Fund. If you are a Settlement Class Member and you remain in the Settlement Class, you will be bound by the Settlement as approved by the Court and you will give up any Released Plaintiffs' Claims (defined below) that you have against the Defendants and the other Defendants' Releasees (defined below), so it is in your interest to submit a Claim Form.
EXCLUDE YOURSELF FROM THE SETTLEMENT CLASS BY SUBMITTING A WRITTEN REQUEST FOR EXCLUSION SO THAT IT IS RECEIVED NO LATER THAN _____, 2017.	If you exclude yourself from the Settlement Class, you will not be eligible to receive any payment from the Settlement Fund. This is the only option that allows you ever to be part of any other lawsuit against any of the Defendants or the other Defendants' Releasees concerning the Released Plaintiffs' Claims.
OBJECT TO THE SETTLEMENT BY SUBMITTING A WRITTEN OBJECTION SO THAT IT IS RECEIVED NO LATER THAN _____, 2017.	If you do not like the proposed Settlement, the proposed Plan of Allocation, or the request for attorneys' fees and reimbursement of Litigation Expenses, you may write to the Court and explain why you do not like them. You cannot object to the Settlement, the Plan of Allocation or the fee and expense request unless you are a Settlement Class Member and do not exclude yourself from the Settlement Class.
GO TO A HEARING ON _____, 2017 AT _____/A.M./P.M., AND FILE A NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPEAR SO THAT IT IS RECEIVED NO LATER THAN _____, 2017.	Filing a written objection and notice of intention to appear by _____, 2017, allows you to speak in Court, at the discretion of the Court, about the fairness of the proposed Settlement, the Plan of Allocation, and/or the request for attorneys' fees and reimbursement of Litigation Expenses. If you submit a written objection, you may (but you do not have to) attend the hearing and, at the discretion of the Court, speak to the Court about your objection.
DO NOTHING.	If you are a Settlement Class Member and you do not submit a valid Claim Form, you will not be eligible to receive any payment from the Settlement Fund. You will, however, remain a member of the Settlement Class, which means that you give up your right to sue about the claims that are resolved by the Settlement and you will be bound by any judgments or orders entered by the Court in the Action.

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WHY DID I GET THIS NOTICE?

8. The Court directed that this Notice be mailed to you because you or someone in your family or an investment account for which you serve as a custodian may have purchased or otherwise acquired EZCORP Class A common stock during the Settlement Class Period. The Court has directed us to send you this Notice because, as a potential member of the Settlement Class, you have a right to know about your options before the Court rules on the proposed Settlement. Additionally, you have the right to understand how this class action lawsuit may generally affect your legal rights. If the Court approves the Settlement, and the Plan of Allocation (or some other plan of allocation), the Claims Administrator selected by Lead Plaintiff and approved by the Court will make payments pursuant to the Settlement after any objections and appeals are resolved.

9. The purpose of this Notice is to inform you of the existence of this case, that it is a class action, how you might be affected, and how to exclude yourself from the Settlement Class, if you wish to do so. It is also being sent to inform you of the terms of the proposed Settlement, and of a hearing to be held by the Court to consider the fairness, reasonableness, and adequacy of the Settlement, the proposed Plan of Allocation and the motion by Lead Counsel for an award of attorneys’ fees and reimbursement of Litigation Expenses (the “Settlement Hearing” or “Settlement Fairness Hearing”). The date and location of the Settlement Hearing are set forth below.

10. The issuance of this Notice is not an expression of any opinion by the Court concerning the merits of any claim in the Action, and the Court still has to decide whether to

approve the Settlement. If the Court approves the Settlement and a plan of allocation, then payments to Authorized Claimants will be made after any appeals related to the Settlement are resolved and after the completion of all claims processing. Please be patient, as this process can take some time to complete.

WHAT IS THIS CASE ABOUT?

11. The Complaint alleges that beginning on April 19, 2012, and throughout the Settlement Class Period, EZCORP and certain of its senior executives violated provisions of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Exchange Act”) by disseminating false and misleading press releases, financial statements, filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) and statements during investor conference calls. The Complaint alleges that EZCORP and certain of its senior executives misrepresented significant facts concerning EZCORP’s business and operations, including that EZCORP and its Cash Genie business complied with all relevant regulations governing its businesses.

12. The Complaint alleges that in a series of disclosures, EZCORP revealed that Cash Genie had not complied with best practices, and admitted that its Cash Genie business appeared to have committed violations of consumer protection laws. EZCORP revealed a reorganization of its business, explaining that it was exiting its online businesses in both the United Kingdom and the United States, that these changes would result in approximately \$110 million in goodwill impairments and other charges, and that it was lowering its guidance. The Complaint alleges that as a result of Defendants’ disclosures, the price of EZCORP Class A common stock declined dramatically, damaging the members of the Settlement Class.

13. Beginning on August 22, 2014, two class action complaints were filed in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York (the “Court”), styled *Close v. EZCORP, Inc.*, No. 14-cv-6834 (S.D.N.Y.) and *Automotive Machinists Pension Plan v. EZCORP, Inc.*, No. 14-cv-8349 (S.D.N.Y.).

14. By Order dated November 17, 2014, the Court consolidated and recaptioned the cases as *In re EZCORP, Inc. Securities Litigation*, Master Docket No. 14-cv-6834 (the “Action”). By Order dated January 26, 2015, the Court appointed Automotive Machinists Pension Plan as the Lead Plaintiff, and approved of its selection of counsel, Bernstein Litowitz Berger & Grossmann LLP, as Lead Counsel for the Settlement Class.

15. On or about March 12, 2015, Lead Plaintiff filed the Consolidated Amended Class Action Complaint (the “Complaint”), asserting claims under Section 10(b) of the Exchange Act and Rule 10b-5 promulgated thereunder against Defendants EZCORP, Rothamel and Kuchenrither; and under Section 20(a) of the Exchange Act against Defendants Rothamel, Kuchenrither, Cohen, and MS Pawn. As described above, the Complaint alleges, among other things, that beginning on April 19, 2012, Defendants misrepresented and failed to disclose the true facts about EZCORP’s business, including the practices of EZCORP’s Cash Genie business.

16. On April 27, 2015, Defendants filed two motions to dismiss the Complaint, which Lead Plaintiff opposed on May 27, 2015. Defendants filed reply briefs on June 16, 2015. By Memorandum and Order dated March 31, 2016, the Court granted in part and denied in part Defendants’ motions to dismiss. The Court sustained claims related to misrepresentations regarding Cash Genie’s regulatory compliance, and sustained claims for control person liability.

17. On April 22, 2016, the Parties filed their Joint Rule 26(f) Report, setting forth, among other things, the respective Parties' proposed pretrial schedules. Defendants filed their Answers to the Complaint on or about May 16, 2016.

18. Following an initial pretrial conference, Magistrate Judge Peck set forth certain deadlines related to discovery and class certification issues. On August 2, 2016, Magistrate Judge Peck approved of the Parties' agreed-upon pretrial scheduling order, setting forth, among other deadlines, a class certification motion deadline of October 3, 2016; a fact discovery cut-off of May 1, 2017; and a trial date of December 11, 2017.

19. Pursuant to the pretrial schedule, on October 3, 2016, Lead Plaintiff filed a motion for class certification supported by, among other things, the Expert Report of Zachary Nye, Ph.D. of Stanford Consulting Group, Inc. Defendants filed an opposition on October 24, 2016, and Lead Plaintiff filed a reply on November 7, 2016, along with a supplemental declaration of Dr. Nye.

20. On November 18, 2016, Lead Counsel and certain counsel for Defendants participated in a full-day mediation session before Robert A. Meyer, Esq. of JAMS. In advance of that session, EZCORP and Lead Plaintiff exchanged and submitted to Mediator Meyer detailed mediation statements and exhibits that addressed the issues of both liability and damages. The session ended without any agreement being reached.

21. Over the course of the next week, Mediator Meyer conducted further discussions with the Parties which culminated in the Parties accepting a mediator's proposal for \$5.9 million. Lead Plaintiff informed the Court of the settlement in principle on or about November 29, 2016.

22. Lead Plaintiff conducted a thorough investigation in preparation for drafting the Complaint. In addition, the Parties were in the process of conducting substantial discovery when the Settlement was reached. By that time, the Parties had already exchanged initial disclosures and written document and interrogatory requests and responses, produced documents, and had taken two depositions. Based upon their investigation, prosecution and mediation of the case Lead Plaintiff and Lead Counsel have concluded that the terms and conditions of the Stipulation are fair, reasonable and adequate to Lead Plaintiff and the other Settlement Class Members, and in their best interests. Based on Lead Plaintiff's oversight of the prosecution of this matter and with the advice of its counsel, Lead Plaintiff has agreed to settle and release the claims raised in the Action pursuant to the terms and provisions of the Stipulation, after considering (a) the substantial financial benefit that Lead Plaintiff and the other Settlement Class Members will receive under the proposed Settlement; (b) the significant risks of continued litigation and trial against Defendants; and (c) the desirability of permitting the Settlement to be consummated as provided by the terms of the Stipulation. As described in and subject to the terms of the Stipulation, the Stipulation shall in no event be construed or deemed to be evidence of or an admission or concession on the part of Lead Plaintiff or any of the other Plaintiffs' Releasees of any infirmity in any of the claims asserted in the Action, or an admission or concession that any of the defenses to liability had any merit.

23. Defendants entered into the Stipulation solely to eliminate the uncertainty, burden and expense of further protracted litigation. Each of the Defendants denies any wrongdoing, and, as described in and subject to the terms of the Stipulation, the Stipulation shall in no event be construed or deemed to be evidence of or an admission or concession on the part of any of the Defendants with respect to any claim or allegation of any fault or liability or wrongdoing or damage whatsoever, or any infirmity in the defenses that the Defendants have, or could have, asserted. The Defendants expressly deny that Lead Plaintiff has asserted any valid claims as to

any of them, and expressly deny any and all allegations of fault, liability, wrongdoing or damages whatsoever. Defendants also have denied and continue to deny, among other allegations, the allegations that the Lead Plaintiff or the Settlement Class have suffered any damage, that the prices of EZCORP publicly traded securities were artificially inflated by reasons of alleged misrepresentations, non-disclosures, or otherwise, or that the Lead Plaintiff or the Settlement Class were harmed by the conduct alleged in the Complaint. Defendants believe that the evidence developed to date supports their position that they acted properly at all times and that the Action is without merit. Nonetheless, Defendants have concluded that further conduct of the Action would be protracted and expensive, and that it is desirable that the Action be fully and finally settled in the manner and upon the terms and conditions set forth in this Stipulation. Defendants also have taken into account the uncertainty and risks inherent in any litigation, especially in complex cases such as the Action. Defendants have, therefore, determined that it is desirable and beneficial to them that the Action be settled in the manner and upon the terms and conditions set forth in this Stipulation.

24. On _____ 201_, the Court preliminarily approved the Settlement, authorized this Notice to be disseminated to potential members of the Settlement Class, and scheduled the Settlement Hearing to consider whether to grant final approval to the Settlement.

HOW DO I KNOW IF I AM AFFECTED BY THE SETTLEMENT?
WHO IS INCLUDED IN THE SETTLEMENT CLASS?

25. If you are a member of the Settlement Class, you are subject to the Settlement, unless you timely request to be excluded. The Settlement Class consists of all persons and entities who purchased or otherwise acquired Class A common stock issued by EZCORP between April 19, 2012, and October 6, 2014, inclusive, and were damaged thereby. Excluded from the Settlement Class are Defendants; the Officers and directors of the corporate Defendants during the Settlement Class Period (the “Excluded Officers and Directors”); members of the Immediate Families of the Individual Defendants and of the Excluded Officers and Directors; any entity in which any Defendant, any Excluded Officer or Director, or any of their respective Immediate Family members had during the Settlement Class Period and/or has a controlling interest; Defendants’ liability insurance carriers; any affiliates, parents, or subsidiaries of the corporate Defendants; all corporate Defendants’ plans that are covered by ERISA; and the legal representatives, heirs, agents, affiliates, successors-in-interest or assigns of any excluded person or entity, in their respective capacity as such. Also excluded from the Settlement Class are any persons and entities who exclude themselves by submitting a request for exclusion that is accepted by the Court. *See* “What if I Do Not Want To Be A Member Of The Settlement Class? How Do I Exclude Myself,” on page __ below.

PLEASE NOTE: RECEIPT OF THIS NOTICE DOES NOT MEAN THAT YOU ARE A MEMBER OF THE SETTLEMENT CLASS OR THAT YOU WILL BE ENTITLED TO RECEIVE PROCEEDS FROM THE SETTLEMENT.

IF YOU ARE A MEMBER OF THE SETTLEMENT CLASS AND YOU WISH TO BE POTENTIALLY ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEEDS FROM THE SETTLEMENT, YOU ARE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT THE CLAIM FORM THAT IS BEING DISTRIBUTED WITH THIS NOTICE AND THE

**REQUIRED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION AS SET FORTH THEREIN
POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN _____, 2017.**

WHAT ARE LEAD PLAINTIFF'S REASONS FOR THE SETTLEMENT?

26. Lead Plaintiff and Lead Counsel believe that the claims they asserted in the Action have merit. They recognize, however, that the Court sustained only the claims related to misrepresentations regarding Cash Genie's regulatory compliance, and for control person liability. They also recognize the expense and length of continued proceedings necessary to pursue the claims through trial and appeals, as well as the very substantial risks they would face in establishing liability and damages. In particular, Lead Plaintiff recognizes that Defendants argued in their motions to dismiss that the Complaint did not sufficiently allege that Defendants were aware of the problems at Cash Genie, and that Defendants genuinely believed that Cash Genie had put in place best practices that would comply with new U.K. regulations. Defendants also argued that because Cash Genie was an immaterial part of EZCORP's overall business, the individual defendants and other top executives were not actively involved with Cash Genie or its operations. Rather, they allegedly relied on local management in the U.K., who retained operational control. Defendants would also dispute whether the alleged corrective disclosures impacted the price of EZCORP's common stock. While the Court sustained the Complaint's allegations at the pleading stage, Lead Plaintiff and Lead Counsel anticipated that Defendants would continue to make these arguments, including at the summary judgment stage and at trial.

27. Had any of these arguments been accepted in whole or part, it could have eliminated or, at minimum, dramatically limited any potential recovery. Further, Lead Plaintiff would have had to prevail at several stages – motions for class certification and summary judgment, trial, and if it prevailed on those, on the appeals that were likely to follow. Thus, there were very significant risks attendant to the continued prosecution of the Action.

28. In light of these risks, the amount of the Settlement and the immediacy of recovery to the Settlement Class, Lead Plaintiff and Lead Counsel believe that the proposed Settlement is fair, reasonable and adequate, and in the best interests of the Settlement Class. Lead Plaintiff and Lead Counsel believe that the Settlement provides a substantial benefit to the Settlement Class, namely \$5.9 million in cash (less the various deductions described in this Notice), as compared to the risk that the claims in the Action would produce a smaller, or no recovery after motions, trial and appeals, possibly years in the future.

29. Defendants have denied the claims asserted against them in the Action and deny having engaged in any wrongdoing or violation of law of any kind whatsoever. As described above, Defendants have agreed to the Settlement solely to eliminate the uncertainty, burden and expense of continued litigation. Accordingly, the Settlement may not be construed as an admission of any wrongdoing by the Defendants.

WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN IF THERE WERE NO SETTLEMENT?

30. If there were no Settlement and Lead Plaintiff failed to establish any essential legal or factual element of the claims, neither Lead Plaintiff nor the other Settlement Class Members would recover anything in this Action. Also, if Defendants were successful in establishing any of their defenses or arguments, either at class certification, summary judgment, at trial or on appeal,

the Settlement Class could recover substantially less than the amount provided in the Settlement, or nothing at all.

HOW ARE SETTLEMENT CLASS MEMBERS AFFECTED BY THE ACTION
AND THE SETTLEMENT?

31. As a member of the Settlement Class, you are represented by Lead Plaintiff and Lead Counsel as explained above in paragraph 6, unless you enter an appearance through counsel of your own choice at your own expense. You are not required to retain your own counsel, but if you choose to do so, such counsel must file a notice of appearance on your behalf and must serve copies of his or her appearance on the attorneys listed in the section entitled, “When And Where Will The Court Decide Whether To Approve The Settlement?,” below.

32. If you are a member of the Settlement Class and do not wish to remain a member of the Settlement Class, you may exclude yourself from the Settlement Class by following the instructions in the section entitled, “What If I Do Not Want To Be A Member Of The Settlement Class? How Do I Exclude Myself?,” below.

33. If you are a member of the Settlement Class and you wish to object to the Settlement, the Plan of Allocation, or Lead Counsel’s application for attorneys’ fees and reimbursement of Litigation Expenses, and if you do not exclude yourself from the Settlement Class, you may present your objections by following the instructions in the section entitled, “When And Where Will The Court Decide Whether To Approve The Settlement?,” below.

34. If you are a member of the Settlement Class and you do not exclude yourself from the Settlement Class, you will be bound by any orders issued by the Court. If the Settlement is approved, the Court will enter a judgment (the “Judgment”). The Judgment will dismiss with prejudice the claims in the Action and will provide that, upon the Effective Date of the Settlement, Lead Plaintiff and each of the other Settlement Class Members (whether or not such person or entity submitted a Claim Form), on behalf of themselves, and their respective heirs, executors, administrators, predecessors, successors, and assigns, in their capacities as such, shall be deemed to have, and by operation of law and of the Judgment shall have, fully, finally and forever compromised, settled, released, resolved, relinquished, waived and discharged each and every Released Plaintiffs’ Claim (as defined below, including, without limitation, any Unknown Claims) against the Defendants and the other Defendants’ Releasees (as defined below), and shall forever be barred and enjoined from prosecuting any or all of the Released Plaintiffs’ Claims against any of the Defendants’ Releasees.

35. “Released Plaintiffs’ Claims” means all claims and causes of action of every nature and description (including, but not limited to, any claims for damages, interest, attorneys’ fees, expert or consulting fees, and any other costs, expenses or liabilities whatsoever), whether known claims or Unknown Claims, whether arising under federal, state, local, common or foreign law, or any other law, rule, ordinance, administrative provision or regulation, that Lead Plaintiff or any other member of the Settlement Class: (i) asserted in the Complaint; or (ii) could have asserted in any forum that arise out of or are based upon the allegations, transactions, facts, matters or occurrences, representations or omissions involved, set forth, or referred to in the Complaint and that relate to the purchase or acquisition of common stock issued by EZCORP during the Settlement Class Period. Released Plaintiffs’ Claims do not include: (a) any claims relating to the enforcement of the Settlement; and (b) any Excluded Claims.

36. “Excluded Claims” means (i) claims asserted in *In re EZCORP, Inc. Consulting Agreement Derivative Litig.*, Del. Ch. Ct., C.A. No. 9962-VCL; (ii) claims asserted in *In re EZCORP, Inc. Sec. Litig.*, Master File No. 1:15-cv-00608 (W.D. Tex.); (iii) ERISA claims, if any; and (iv) claims of any person or entity who submits a request for exclusion that is accepted by the Court.

37. “Defendants’ Releasees” means Defendants and their current and former officers, directors, agents, parents, affiliates, subsidiaries, successors, predecessors, assigns, assignees, employees, insurers, reinsurers, and attorneys, in their capacities as such.

38. “Unknown Claims” means any Released Plaintiffs’ Claims which Lead Plaintiff or any other Settlement Class Member does not know or suspect to exist in his, her or its favor at the time of the release of such claims, and any Released Defendants’ Claims which any Defendant or any other Defendants’ Releasee does not know or suspect to exist in his, her, or its favor at the time of the release of such claims, which, if known by him, her or it, might have affected his, her or its decision(s) with respect to this Settlement. With respect to any and all Released Claims, the Parties stipulate and agree that, upon the Effective Date of the Settlement, Lead Plaintiff and Defendants shall expressly waive, and each of the other Settlement Class Members and each of the other Defendants’ Releasees shall be deemed to have waived, and by operation of the Judgment or the Alternate Judgment, if applicable, shall have expressly waived, any and all provisions, rights, and benefits conferred by any law of any state or territory of the United States, or principle of common law or foreign law, which is similar, comparable, or equivalent to California Civil Code §1542, which provides:

A general release does not extend to claims which the creditor does not know or suspect to exist in his or her favor at the time of executing the release, which if known by him or her must have materially affected his or her settlement with the debtor.

Lead Plaintiff and Defendants acknowledge, and each of the other Settlement Class Members and each of the other Defendants’ Releasees shall be deemed by operation of law to have acknowledged, that the foregoing waiver was separately bargained for and a key element of the Settlement.

39. The Judgment will also provide that, upon the Effective Date of the Settlement, Defendants, on behalf of themselves, and their respective heirs, executors, administrators, predecessors, successors, and assigns, in their capacities as such, shall be deemed to have, and by operation of law and of the Judgment shall have, fully, finally and forever compromised, settled, released, resolved, relinquished, waived and discharged each and every Released Defendants’ Claim (as defined below, including, without limitation, any Unknown Claims) against Lead Plaintiff and the other Plaintiffs’ Releasees (as defined below), and shall forever be barred and enjoined from prosecuting any or all of the Released Defendants’ Claims against any of the Plaintiffs’ Releasees. This release shall not apply to any person or entity who submits a request for exclusion from the Settlement Class that is accepted by the Court.

40. “Released Defendants’ Claims” means all claims and causes of action of every nature and description (including, but not limited to, any claims for damages, interest, attorneys’ fees, expert or consulting fees, and any other costs, expenses or liabilities whatsoever), whether known claims or Unknown Claims, whether arising under federal, state, common or foreign law, or any other law, rule, ordinance, administrative provision or regulation, that arise out of or relate

in any way to the institution, prosecution, or settlement of the claims asserted in the Action against the Defendants. Released Defendants' Claims do not include any claims relating to the enforcement of the Settlement or any claims against any person or entity who or which submits a request for exclusion from the Settlement Class that is accepted by the Court.

41. "Plaintiffs' Releasees" means Lead Plaintiff, all other plaintiffs in the Action, their respective attorneys, and all other Settlement Class Members, and their respective current and former officers, directors, agents, parents, affiliates, subsidiaries, successors, predecessors, assigns, assignees, employees, and attorneys, in their capacities as such.

HOW DO I PARTICIPATE IN THE SETTLEMENT? WHAT DO I NEED TO DO?

42. To be potentially eligible for a payment from the proceeds of the Settlement, you must be a Settlement Class Member and you must timely complete and return the Claim Form with adequate supporting documentation **postmarked no later than _____, 2017**. A Claim Form is included with this Notice, or you may obtain one from the website maintained by the Claims Administrator for the Settlement, at www.EZCORPsecuritiesSettlement.com, or you may request that a Claim Form be mailed to you by calling the Claims Administrator toll free at (888) 320-8169. Please retain all records of your ownership of and transactions in EZCORP Class A common stock, as they may be needed to document your Claim. If you request exclusion from the Settlement Class or do not submit a timely and valid Claim Form, you will not be potentially eligible to share in the Net Settlement Fund.

HOW MUCH WILL MY PAYMENT BE?

43. At this time, it is not possible to make any determination as to how much any particular Settlement Class Member may receive from the Settlement if he/she/it submits a valid Claim Form.

44. Pursuant to the Settlement, Defendants have agreed that EZCORP shall pay or cause to be paid, on behalf of Defendants, the Settlement Amount of five million nine hundred thousand dollars (\$5,900,000.00) in cash. The Settlement Amount will be deposited into an escrow account. The Settlement Amount plus any interest earned thereon is referred to as the "Settlement Fund." If the Settlement is approved by the Court and the Effective Date occurs, the "Net Settlement Fund" (that is, the Settlement Fund less (a) all federal, state and/or local taxes on any income earned by the Settlement Fund and the reasonable costs incurred in connection with determining the amount of and paying taxes owed by the Settlement Fund (including reasonable expenses of tax attorneys and accountants); (b) the costs and expenses incurred in connection with providing notice to Settlement Class Members and administering the Settlement; and (c) any attorneys' fees and Litigation Expenses awarded by the Court) will be distributed to Settlement Class Members who submit valid Claim Forms, in accordance with the proposed Plan of Allocation or such other plan of allocation as the Court may approve.

45. The Net Settlement Fund will not be distributed unless and until the Court has approved the Settlement and a plan of allocation, and the time for any petition for rehearing, appeal or review, whether by certiorari or otherwise, has expired.

46. Neither the Defendants nor any other person or entity that paid any portion of the Settlement Amount on their behalf are entitled to get back any portion of the Settlement Fund once

the Court's order or judgment approving the Settlement becomes Final. The Defendants shall not have any liability, obligation or responsibility for the administration of the Settlement, the disbursement of the Net Settlement Fund or the Plan of Allocation.

47. Approval of the Settlement is independent from approval of a plan of allocation or an award of attorneys' fees or reimbursement of Litigation Expenses. Any determination with respect to a plan of allocation, an award of attorneys' fees, or reimbursement of Litigation Expenses will not affect the Settlement, if approved.

48. Unless the Court otherwise orders, any Settlement Class Member who fails to submit a Claim Form postmarked on or before _____, 2017, shall be fully and forever barred from receiving payments pursuant to the Settlement but will in all other respects remain a Settlement Class Member and be subject to the provisions of the Stipulation, including the terms of any Judgment entered and the releases given. This means that each Settlement Class Member releases the Released Plaintiffs' Claims (as defined above) against the Defendants' Releasees (as defined above) and will be barred and enjoined from prosecuting any or all of the Released Plaintiffs' Claims against any of the Defendants' Releasees whether or not such Settlement Class Member submits a Claim Form.

49. The Court has reserved jurisdiction to allow, disallow, or adjust on equitable grounds the Claim of any Settlement Class Member.

50. Each Claimant shall be deemed to have submitted to the jurisdiction of the Court with respect to his, her or its Claim Form.

51. Only Settlement Class Members will be potentially eligible to share in the distribution of the Net Settlement Fund. Persons and entities that are excluded from the Settlement Class by definition or that exclude themselves from the Settlement Class pursuant to request will not be eligible to receive a distribution from the Net Settlement Fund and should not submit Claim Forms. The only security included in the Settlement is Class A common stock issued by EZCORP.

PROPOSED PLAN OF ALLOCATION

52. The objective of the Plan of Allocation is to equitably distribute the Net Settlement Fund among those Settlement Class Members who submit a valid Claim Form based on their respective alleged economic losses as a result of the alleged fraud, as opposed to losses caused by market- or industry-wide factors, or Company-specific factors unrelated to the alleged fraud. The Claims Administrator shall determine each Authorized Claimant's share of the Net Settlement Fund based upon the recognized loss formula (the "Recognized Loss") described below. A Recognized Loss will be calculated for each share of EZCORP Class A common stock (also referred to herein as "EZCORP common stock") purchased or otherwise acquired during the Settlement Class Period.² The calculation of Recognized Loss will depend upon several factors, including when EZCORP common stock was purchased or otherwise acquired during the Settlement Class Period, and in what amounts, and whether such shares were sold, and if sold, when they were sold, and for what amounts. The Recognized Loss is not intended to estimate the amount a Settlement Class Member might have been able to recover after a trial, nor to estimate

² During the Settlement Class Period, EZCORP common stock was listed on the NASDAQ Global Select Exchange (NASDAQ GS) under the ticker symbol "EZPW."

the amount that will be paid to Authorized Claimants pursuant to the Settlement. The Recognized Loss is the basis upon which the Net Settlement Fund will be proportionately allocated to the Authorized Claimants. The Claims Administrator will use its best efforts to administer and distribute the Net Settlement Fund to the extent that it is equitably and economically feasible.

53. The Plan of Allocation was created with the assistance of Lead Plaintiff's consulting damages expert, and reflects the assumption that the price of EZCORP common stock was artificially inflated throughout the Settlement Class Period. The estimated alleged artificial inflation in the price of EZCORP common stock is reflected in Table 1 below. The computation of the estimated alleged artificial inflation in the price of EZCORP common stock during the Settlement Class Period is based on certain misrepresentations alleged by Lead Plaintiff and the stock price reaction (net of market, industry and Company-specific factors unrelated to the alleged fraud) to the public announcements that allegedly corrected the misrepresentations alleged by Lead Plaintiff.

54. Federal securities laws allow investors to recover for losses caused by disclosures which corrected defendants' previous misleading statements or omissions. Thus, for purposes of this Action, in order to have been damaged by the alleged violations of the federal securities laws, EZCORP common stock purchased or otherwise acquired during the Settlement Class Period must have been held during a period of time in which its price declined due to the disclosure of information which corrected an allegedly misleading statement or omission consistent with the Court's motion to dismiss decision. Lead Plaintiff and Lead Counsel have determined that such price declines occurred on November 7, 2013; November 8, 2013; June 17, 2014; and October 7, 2014 (the "Corrective Disclosures"). Accordingly, if EZCORP common stock was purchased or otherwise acquired during the Settlement Class Period and sold before November 7, 2013 (the earliest Corrective Disclosure date), the Recognized Loss for such stock is \$0.00, and any loss suffered is not compensable under the federal securities laws. Likewise, if EZCORP common stock was both purchased and otherwise acquired, and sold, between two consecutive Corrective Disclosure dates, the Recognized Loss for such stock is \$0.00.

Table 1		
Artificial Inflation in EZCORP Common Stock³		
From	To	Per-Share Price Inflation
April 19, 2012	November 6, 2013	\$0.86
November 7, 2013	November 7, 2013	\$0.64
November 8, 2013	June 16, 2014	\$0.35
June 17, 2014	October 6, 2014	\$0.20
October 7, 2014	Thereafter	\$0.00

³ Any transactions in EZCORP common stock executed outside of regular trading hours for the U.S. financial markets shall be deemed to have occurred during the next regular trading session.

55. The “90-day look back” provision of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 (“PSLRA”) is incorporated into the calculation of the Recognized Loss for EZCORP common stock. The limitations on the calculation of the Recognized Loss imposed by the PSLRA are applied such that losses on EZCORP common stock purchased during the Settlement Class Period and held as of the close of the 90-day period subsequent to the Settlement Class Period (the “90-Day Lookback Period”) cannot exceed the difference between the purchase price paid for such stock and the average price of EZCORP common stock during the 90-Day Lookback Period. The Recognized Loss on EZCORP common stock purchased during the Settlement Class Period and sold during the 90-Day Lookback Period cannot exceed the difference between the purchase price paid for such stock and the rolling average price of EZCORP common stock during the portion of the 90-Day Lookback Period elapsed as of the date of sale.

56. In the calculations below, all purchase and sale prices shall exclude any fees, taxes, and commissions. If a Recognized Loss amount is calculated to be a negative number, that Recognized Loss shall be zero (\$0.00).

CALCULATION OF RECOGNIZED LOSS PER SHARE

57. For each share of EZCORP common stock purchased or otherwise acquired during the Settlement Class Period (*i.e.*, April 19, 2012, through October 6, 2014, inclusive), the Recognized Loss per share shall be calculated as follows:

(a) For each share of EZCORP common stock that was purchased during the Settlement Class Period that was sold prior to November 7, 2013, the Recognized Loss per shares is \$0.00.

(b) For each share of EZCORP common stock that was purchased during the Settlement Class Period and that was sold during the period November 7, 2013, through October 6, 2014, inclusive, the Recognized Loss per share is the amount of per-share price inflation on the date of purchase in Table 1 above, *minus* the amount of per-share price inflation on the date of sale in Table 1 above.

(c) For each share of EZCORP common stock that was purchased during the Settlement Class Period and that was sold during the period October 7, 2014, through January 2, 2015, inclusive (*i.e.*, sold during the 90-day Lookback Period), the Recognized Loss per share is *the lesser of*: (i) the amount of per-share price inflation on the date of purchase in Table 1 above; or (ii) the per-share purchase price *minus* the “90-Day Lookback Value” on the date of sale provided in Table 2 below.

(d) For each share of EZCORP common stock that was purchased during the Settlement Class Period and still held as of the close of trading on January 2, 2015, the Recognized Loss per share is *the lesser of*: (i) the amount of per-share price inflation on the date of purchase in Table 1 above; or (ii) the per-share purchase price *minus* the average closing price for EZCORP common stock during the 90-Day Lookback Period, which is \$10.65.

Table 2

Sale / Disposition Date	90-Day Lookback Value	Sale / Disposition Date	90-Day Lookback Value	Sale / Disposition Date	90-Day Lookback Value
10/7/2014	\$8.96	11/5/2014	\$9.86	12/5/2014	\$10.34
10/8/2014	\$8.99	11/6/2014	\$9.91	12/8/2014	\$10.35
10/9/2014	\$8.90	11/7/2014	\$9.95	12/9/2014	\$10.37
10/10/2014	\$8.84	11/10/2014	\$9.99	12/10/2014	\$10.37
10/13/2014	\$8.81	11/11/2014	\$10.03	12/11/2014	\$10.38
10/14/2014	\$8.84	11/12/2014	\$10.08	12/12/2014	\$10.40
10/15/2014	\$8.91	11/13/2014	\$10.12	12/15/2014	\$10.41
10/16/2014	\$8.99	11/14/2014	\$10.15	12/16/2014	\$10.42
10/17/2014	\$9.01	11/17/2014	\$10.17	12/17/2014	\$10.44
10/20/2014	\$9.11	11/18/2014	\$10.19	12/18/2014	\$10.46
10/21/2014	\$9.18	11/19/2014	\$10.20	12/19/2014	\$10.48
10/22/2014	\$9.22	11/20/2014	\$10.22	12/22/2014	\$10.51
10/23/2014	\$9.27	11/21/2014	\$10.24	12/23/2014	\$10.53
10/24/2014	\$9.36	11/24/2014	\$10.26	12/24/2014	\$10.55
10/27/2014	\$9.41	11/25/2014	\$10.28	12/26/2014	\$10.57
10/28/2014	\$9.48	11/26/2014	\$10.30	12/29/2014	\$10.59
10/29/2014	\$9.54	11/28/2014	\$10.32	12/30/2014	\$10.61
10/30/2014	\$9.62	12/1/2014	\$10.33	12/31/2014	\$10.63
10/31/2014	\$9.71	12/2/2014	\$10.33	1/2/2015	\$10.65
11/3/2014	\$9.76	12/3/2014	\$10.33		
11/4/2014	\$9.81	12/4/2014	\$10.34		

ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS

58. The payment you potentially receive will reflect your proportionate share of the Net Settlement Fund. Such payment will depend on the number of eligible shares that participate in the Settlement, and when those shares were purchased and sold, and at what prices. The number of claimants who send in claims varies widely from case to case.

59. A purchase or sale of EZCORP common stock shall be deemed to have occurred on the “contract” or “trade” date as opposed to the “settlement” or “payment” date.

60. To the extent that EZCORP common stock was originally purchased prior to the beginning of the Settlement Class Period, the Recognized Loss for that acquisition will be zero (\$0.00).

61. Notwithstanding any of the above, receipt of EZCORP common stock during the Settlement Class Period in exchange for any other securities or of any securities of any other corporation or entity shall not be deemed a purchase or sale of EZCORP common stock.

62. The first-in-first-out (“FIFO”) basis will be applied to purchases and sales. Sales will be matched in chronological order, by trade date, first against EZCORP common stock held

immediately prior to the start of the Settlement Class Period and then against the purchases of EZCORP common stock during the Settlement Class Period.

63. The receipt or grant by gift, inheritance or operation of law of EZCORP common stock during the Settlement Class Period shall not be deemed a purchase, acquisition or sale of EZCORP common stock for the calculation of an Authorized Claimant's Recognized Loss amount, nor shall the receipt or grant be deemed an assignment of any claim relating to the purchase/acquisition of any EZCORP common stock unless (i) the donor or decedent purchased or otherwise acquired such EZCORP common stock during the Settlement Class Period; (ii) no Claim Form was submitted by or on behalf of the donor, on behalf of the decedent, or by anyone else with respect to such EZCORP common stock; and (iii) it is specifically so provided in the instrument of gift or assignment.

64. The date of covering a "short sale" is deemed to be the date of purchase of shares. The date of a "short sale" is deemed to be the date of sale of shares. In accordance with the Plan of Allocation, however, the Recognized Loss on "short sales" is zero (\$0.00). In the event that a claimant has an opening short position in EZCORP common stock, the earliest Settlement Class Period purchases shall be matched against such opening short position and not be entitled to a recovery until that short position is fully covered.

65. With respect to EZCORP common stock purchased or sold through the exercise of an option, the purchase/sale date of the stock shall be the exercise date of the option and the purchase/sale price of the stock shall be the closing price of EZCORP common stock on the date of exercise of the option. Any Recognized Loss arising from purchases of EZCORP common stock acquired during the Settlement Class Period through the exercise of an option on EZCORP common stock⁴ shall be computed as provided for other purchases of EZCORP common stock in the Plan of Allocation.

66. Payment according to the Plan of Allocation will be deemed conclusive against all Authorized Claimants. A Recognized Loss will be calculated as defined herein and cannot be less than zero (\$0.00). As set forth below, no distribution will be made to Authorized Claimants who would otherwise receive a distribution of less than \$10.00.

67. Settlement Class Members who do not submit acceptable Claim Forms will not share in the Settlement proceeds. The Settlement and the Judgment will nevertheless bind Settlement Class Members who do not submit a request for exclusion and/or submit an acceptable Claim Form.

68. Please contact the Claims Administrator or Lead Counsel if you have any questions or disagree with any determinations made by the Claims Administrator regarding your Claim Form. If you are unsatisfied with the determinations, you may ask the Claims Administrator in writing to have the Court, which retains jurisdiction over all Settlement Class Members for purposes of the Settlement, to decide the issue.

⁴ Including (1) purchases of EZCORP common stock as the result of the exercise of a call option, and (2) purchases of EZCORP common stock by the seller of a put option as a result of the buyer of such put option exercising that put option.

69. A Claimant's "Recognized Claim" under the Plan of Allocation shall be the sum of his, her or its Recognized Loss amounts.

70. The Net Settlement Fund will be distributed to Authorized Claimants on a *pro rata* basis based on the relative size of their Recognized Claims. Specifically, a "Distribution Amount" will be calculated for each Authorized Claimant, which shall be the Authorized Claimant's Recognized Claim divided by the total Recognized Claims of all Authorized Claimants, multiplied by the total amount in the Net Settlement Fund. If any Authorized Claimant's Distribution Amount calculates to less than \$10.00, it will not be included in the calculation and no distribution will be made to such Authorized Claimant.

71. To the extent a Claimant had a market gain with respect to his, her, or its overall transactions in EZCORP common stock during the Settlement Class Period, the value of the Claimant's Recognized Claim shall be zero (\$0.00). Such Claimants shall in any event be bound by the Settlement. To the extent that a Claimant suffered an overall market loss with respect to his, her, or its overall transactions in EZCORP common stock during the Settlement Class Period, but that market loss was less than the total Recognized Claim calculated above, then the Claimant's Recognized Claim shall be limited to the amount of the actual market loss.

72. For purposes of determining whether a Claimant had a market gain with respect to his, her, or its overall transactions in EZCORP common stock during the Settlement Class Period or suffered a market loss for purposes of the above paragraph, the Claims Administrator shall determine the difference between (i) the Total Purchase Amount⁵ and (ii) the sum of the Total Sales Proceeds⁶ and Holding Value.⁷ This difference shall be deemed a Claimant's market gain or loss with respect to his, her, or its overall transactions in EZCORP common stock during the Settlement Class Period.

73. After the initial distribution of the Net Settlement Fund, the Claims Administrator shall make reasonable and diligent efforts to have Authorized Claimants cash their distribution checks. To the extent any monies remain in the fund no earlier than nine (9) months after the initial distribution, if Lead Counsel, in consultation with the Claims Administrator, determines that it is cost-effective to do so, the Claims Administrator shall conduct a re-distribution of the funds remaining after payment of any unpaid fees and expenses incurred in administering the Settlement,

⁵ The "Total Purchase Amount" is the total amount the Claimant paid (excluding commissions and other charges) for all EZCORP common stock purchased or acquired during the Settlement Class Period.

⁶ The Claims Administrator shall match any sales of EZCORP common stock during the Settlement Class Period, first against the Claimant's opening position in EZCORP common stock (the proceeds of those sales will not be considered for purposes of calculating market gains or losses). The total amount received (excluding commissions and other charges) for the remaining sales of EZCORP common stock sold during the Settlement Class Period shall be the "Total Sales Proceeds."

⁷ The Claims Administrator shall ascribe a value of \$8.96 per share for EZCORP common stock purchased or acquired during the Settlement Class Period and still held as of the close of trading on October 7, 2014 (the "Holding Value").

including for such re-distribution, to Authorized Claimants who have cashed their initial distributions and who would receive at least \$10.00 from such re-distribution. Additional re-distributions to Authorized Claimants who have cashed their prior checks and who would receive at least \$10.00 on such additional re-distributions may occur thereafter if Lead Counsel, in consultation with the Claims Administrator, determines that additional re-distributions, after the deduction of any additional fees and expenses incurred in administering the Settlement, including for such re-distributions, would be cost-effective. At such time as it is determined that the re-distribution of funds remaining in the Net Settlement Fund is not cost-effective, the remaining balance shall be contributed to non-sectarian, not-for-profit organization(s), to be recommended by Lead Plaintiff and approved by the Court, or as otherwise ordered by the Court.

74. Payment pursuant to the Plan of Allocation, or such other plan of allocation as may be approved by the Court, shall be conclusive against all Authorized Claimants. No person shall have any claim against Lead Plaintiff, Lead Counsel, Lead Plaintiff's damages expert, the Defendants, their counsel, or any of the other Releasees, or the Claims Administrator or other agent designated by Lead Counsel arising from distributions made substantially in accordance with the Stipulation, the Plan of Allocation approved by the Court, or further Orders of the Court. Lead Plaintiff, the Defendants, and their respective counsel, and all other Defendants' Releasees, shall have no responsibility or liability whatsoever for the investment or distribution of the Settlement Fund, the Net Settlement Fund, the Plan of Allocation, or the determination, administration, calculation, or payment of any Claim Form or nonperformance of the Claims Administrator, the payment or withholding of taxes owed by the Settlement Fund, or any losses incurred in connection therewith.

75. The Plan of Allocation set forth herein is the plan that is being proposed to the Court for its approval by Lead Plaintiff after consultation with its damages expert. The Court may approve this plan as proposed or it may modify the Plan of Allocation without further notice to the Settlement Class. Any Orders regarding any modification of the Plan of Allocation will be posted on the settlement website, www.EZCORPsecuritiesSettlement.com.

WHAT PAYMENT ARE THE ATTORNEYS FOR THE SETTLEMENT CLASS SEEKING?
HOW WILL THE LAWYERS BE PAID?

76. Lead Counsel to date has not received any payment for its services in pursuing claims against the Defendants on behalf of the Settlement Class, nor has Lead Counsel been reimbursed for any of its out-of-pocket expenses. Before final approval of the Settlement, Lead Counsel will apply to the Court for an award of attorneys' fees in an amount not to exceed 25% of the Settlement Amount, plus interest at the same rate and for the same period as earned by the Settlement Fund. At the same time, Lead Counsel also intends to apply for reimbursement of Litigation Expenses in an amount not to exceed \$400,000, which may include an application for reimbursement of the reasonable costs and expenses incurred by Lead Plaintiff directly related to its representation of the Settlement Class, plus interest at the same rate and for the same period as earned by the Settlement Amount. The Court will determine the amount of any award of attorneys' fees or reimbursement of Litigation Expenses. Such sums as may be approved by the Court will be paid from the Settlement Fund. Settlement Class Members are not personally liable for any such fees or expenses.

WHAT IF I DO NOT WANT TO BE A MEMBER OF THE SETTLEMENT CLASS?
HOW DO I EXCLUDE MYSELF?

77. Each Settlement Class Member will be bound by all determinations and judgments in this lawsuit, whether favorable or unfavorable, unless such person or entity mails or delivers a written request for exclusion from the Settlement Class, addressed to EZCORP Securities Litigation, c/o GCG, P.O. Box 10354, Dublin, OH 43017-5554. The exclusion request must be *received* no later than _____, 2017. You will not be able to exclude yourself from the Settlement Class after that date. Each request for exclusion must (i) state the name, address and telephone number of the person or entity requesting exclusion, and in the case of entities the name and telephone number of the appropriate contact person; (ii) state that such person or entity “requests exclusion from the Settlement Class in *In re: EZCORP, Inc. Securities Litigation*, Case No. 14-cv-6834”; (iii) state the number of shares of EZCORP Class A common stock that the person or entity requesting exclusion purchased/acquired and/or sold during the Settlement Class Period, as well as the dates and prices of each such purchase/acquisition and sale, and their opening position in EZCORP Class A common stock as of the opening of trading on April 19, 2012; and (iv) be signed by the person or entity requesting exclusion or an authorized representative. A request for exclusion shall not be effective unless it provides all the required information called for in this paragraph and is received within the time stated above, or is otherwise accepted by the Court.

78. If you do not want to be part of the Settlement Class, you must follow these instructions for exclusion even if you have pending, or later file, another lawsuit, arbitration, or other proceeding relating to any Released Plaintiffs’ Claim against any Defendant or any of the other Defendants’ Releasees.

79. If you ask to be excluded from the Settlement Class, and that request is accepted, you will not be eligible to receive any payment out of the Net Settlement Fund.

80. EZCORP has the option to terminate the Settlement if Settlement Class Members timely and validly requesting exclusion from the Settlement Class meet the conditions agreed to with Lead Plaintiff.

WHEN AND WHERE WILL THE COURT DECIDE WHETHER TO APPROVE THE
SETTLEMENT? DO I HAVE TO COME TO THE HEARING?
MAY I SPEAK AT THE HEARING IF I DON’T LIKE THE SETTLEMENT?

81. Settlement Class Members do not need to attend the Settlement Hearing. The Court will consider any submission made in accordance with the provisions below even if a Settlement Class Member does not attend the hearing. You can participate in the Settlement without attending the Settlement Hearing.

82. The Settlement Hearing will be held on _____, 2017, at _____ a.m./p.m., before the Honorable Andrew L. Carter, Jr., at the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, Thurgood Marshall United States Courthouse, Courtroom 1306, 40 Foley Square, New York, NY 10007. The Court reserves the right to approve the Settlement, the Plan of Allocation, Lead Counsel’s motion for an award of attorneys’ fees and reimbursement of Litigation Expenses and/or any other matter related to the Settlement at or after the Settlement Hearing without further notice to Settlement Class Members.

83. Any Settlement Class Member who does not request exclusion may object to the Settlement, the proposed Plan of Allocation or Lead Counsel's motion for an award of attorneys' fees and reimbursement of Litigation Expenses. Objections must be in writing. You must file any written objection, together with copies of all other papers and briefs supporting the objection, with the Clerk's Office at the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York at the address set forth below on or before _____, 2017. You must also serve the papers on Lead Counsel and on EZCORP's counsel at the addresses set forth below so that the papers are *received* on or before _____, 2017.

<u>Clerk's Office</u>	<u>Lead Counsel</u>	<u>EZCORP's Counsel</u>
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK 500 Pearl Street New York, NY 10007	Bernstein Litowitz Berger & Grossmann LLP Timothy A. DeLange, Esq. Niki L. Mendoza, Esq. 12481 High Bluff Drive Suite 300 San Diego, CA 92130	Vinson & Elkins LLP Michael C. Holmes, Esq. Trammell Crow Center 2001 Ross Avenue, Suite 3700 Dallas, TX 75201-2975

84. Any objections, filings and other submissions by objecting members of the Settlement Class (a) must state the name, address and telephone number of the person or entity objecting and must be signed by the objector; (b) must contain a statement of the objection or objections, and the specific reasons for each objection, including any legal and evidentiary support the member of the Settlement Class wishes to bring to the Court's attention; and (c) must include documents sufficient to prove membership in the Settlement Class, including the number of shares of EZCORP Class A common stock that the objecting Settlement Class Member purchased/acquired and/or sold during the Settlement Class Period, as well as the dates and prices of each such purchase/acquisition and sale, and their opening position in EZCORP Class A common stock as of the opening of trading on April 19, 2012. You may not object to the Settlement, the Plan of Allocation or Lead Counsel's motion for attorneys' fees and reimbursement of Litigation Expenses if you exclude yourself from the Settlement Class or if you are not a member of the Settlement Class.

85. You may file a written objection without having to appear at the Settlement Hearing. You may not, however, appear at the Settlement Hearing to present your objection unless you first filed and served a written objection in accordance with the procedures described above, unless the Court orders otherwise.

86. If you wish to be heard orally at the hearing in opposition to the approval of the Settlement, the Plan of Allocation or Lead Counsel's motion for an award of attorneys' fees and reimbursement of Litigation Expenses, and if you file and serve a timely written objection as described above, you must also file a notice of appearance with the Clerk's Office and serve it on Lead Counsel and EZCORP's counsel at the addresses set forth above in ¶ 83 so that it is *received* on or before _____, 2017. Persons who intend to object and desire to present evidence at the Settlement Hearing must include in their written objection or notice of appearance the identity of any witnesses they may call to testify and exhibits they intend to introduce into evidence at the hearing. Such persons may be heard orally at the discretion of the Court.

87. You are not required to hire an attorney to represent you in making written objections or in appearing at the Settlement Hearing. However, if you decide to hire an attorney, it will be at your own expense, and that attorney must file a notice of appearance with the Court and serve it on Lead Counsel and EZCORP's counsel at the addresses set forth in ¶ 83 above so that the notice is *received* on or before _____, 2017.

88. The Settlement Hearing may be adjourned by the Court without further written notice to the Settlement Class, except that notice of any adjournment will be posted on the Settlement website, www.EZCORPSecuritiesSettlement.com. If you intend to attend the Settlement Hearing, you should confirm the date and time with Lead Counsel.

89. Unless the Court orders otherwise, any Settlement Class Member who does not object in the manner described above will be deemed to have waived any objection and shall be forever foreclosed from making any objection to the proposed Settlement, the proposed Plan of Allocation or Lead Counsel's motion for an award of attorneys' fees and reimbursement of Litigation Expenses. Settlement Class Members do not need to appear at the Settlement Hearing or take any other action to indicate their approval.

WHAT IF I BOUGHT SHARES ON SOMEONE ELSE'S BEHALF?

90. If you purchased or otherwise acquired EZCORP Class A common stock between April 19, 2012, and October 6, 2014, inclusive, for the beneficial interest of persons or organizations other than yourself, you must either (a) within seven (7) calendar days of receipt of this Notice, request from the Claims Administrator sufficient copies of the Notice and Claim Form (the "Notice Packet") to forward to all such beneficial owners and within seven (7) calendar days of receipt of those Notice Packets forward them to all such beneficial owners; or (b) within seven (7) calendar days of receipt of this Notice, provide a list of the names and addresses of all such beneficial owners to EZCORP Securities Litigation, c/o GCG, P.O. Box 10354, Dublin, OH 43017-5554. If you choose the second option, the Claims Administrator will send a copy of the Notice and the Claim Form to the beneficial owners. Upon full compliance with these directions, such nominees may seek reimbursement of their reasonable expenses actually incurred, by providing the Claims Administrator with proper documentation supporting the expenses for which reimbursement is sought. Copies of this Notice and the Claim Form may also be obtained from the website maintained by the Claims Administrator, at www.EZCORPSecuritiesSettlement.com, or by calling the Claims Administrator toll-free at (888) 320-8169.

CAN I SEE THE COURT FILE? WHOM SHOULD I CONTACT IF I HAVE QUESTIONS?

91. This Notice contains only a summary of the terms of the proposed Settlement. For more detailed information about the matters involved in this Action, you are referred to the papers on file in the Action, including the Stipulation, which may be inspected during regular office hours at the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, Daniel Patrick Moynihan United States Courthouse, 500 Pearl St., New York, NY 10007-1312.

92. Additionally, copies of the Stipulation and any related orders entered by the Court will be posted on the website maintained by the Claims Administrator, www.EZCORPSecuritiesSettlement.com.

All inquiries concerning this Notice and the Claim Form should be directed to:

EZCORP Securities Litigation
c/o GCG
P.O. Box 10354
Dublin, OH 43017-5554
(888) 320-8169

and/or Bernstein Litowitz Berger
& Grossmann LLP
Timothy A. DeLange, Esq.
Niki L. Mendoza, Esq.
12481 High Bluff Drive, Suite 300
San Diego, CA 92130
(866) 648-2524
blbg@blbglaw.com

**DO NOT CALL OR WRITE THE COURT, THE OFFICE OF THE
CLERK OF THE COURT, THE DEFENDANTS OR THEIR COUNSEL
REGARDING THIS NOTICE.**

Dated: Insert Date

By Order of the Court
United States District Court
Southern District of New York

EXHIBIT A-2

Must be
Postmarked
No Later Than

EZCORP Securities Litigation
c/o GCG
P.O. Box 10354
Dublin, OH 43017-5554
Toll-Free: (888) 320-8169



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Settlement Website: www.EZCORPSecuritiesSettlement.com



Claim Number:

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PROOF OF CLAIM FORM

To be potentially eligible to receive a share of the Net Settlement Fund in connection with the Settlement of this Action, you must complete and sign this Proof of Claim Form ("Claim Form") and mail it by First-Class Mail to the above address, **postmarked no later than** _____.

Failure to submit your Claim Form by the date specified will subject your claim to rejection and may preclude you from being eligible to receive any money in connection with the Settlement.

Do not mail or deliver your Claim Form to the Court, the parties to the Action, or their counsel. Submit your Claim Form only to the Claims Administrator at the address set forth above.

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Important - This form should be completed **IN CAPITAL LETTERS** using **BLACK** or **DARK BLUE** ballpoint/fountain pen. Characters and marks used should be similar in style to the following:

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PART I - CLAIMANT INFORMATION

The Claims Administrator will use this information for all communications regarding this Claim Form. If this information changes, you MUST notify the Claims Administrator in writing at the address above.

Claimant Name(s) (as the name(s) should appear on check, if eligible for payment; if the securities are jointly owned, the names of all beneficial owners must be provided):

[Grid for Claimant Name(s)]

Name of Person the Claims Administrator Should Contact Regarding this Claim Form (Must Be Provided):

[Grid for Name of Person to Contact]

Mailing Address - Line 1: Street Address/P.O. Box:

[Grid for Mailing Address - Line 1]

Mailing Address - Line 2 (If Applicable): Apartment/Suite/Floor Number:

[Grid for Mailing Address - Line 2]

City:

[Grid for City]

State/Province:

[Grid for State/Province]

Zip Code:

[Grid for Zip Code]

Country:

[Grid for Country]

Last 4 digits of Claimant Social Security/Taxpayer Identification Number:¹

[Grid for Last 4 digits of SSN/TIN]

Daytime Telephone Number:

[Grid for Daytime Telephone Number]

Evening Telephone Number:

[Grid for Evening Telephone Number]

Email Address (Email address is not required, but if you provide it you authorize the Claims Administrator to use it in providing you with information relevant to this claim.):

[Grid for Email Address]

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¹The last four digits of the taxpayer identification number (TIN), consisting of a valid Social Security Number (SSN) for individuals or Employer Identification Number (EIN) for business entities, trusts, estates, etc., and the telephone number of the beneficial owner(s) may be used in verifying this claim.



PART II - GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. It is important that you completely read and understand the Notice of (I) Pendency of Class Action, Certification of Settlement Class, and Proposed Settlement; (II) Settlement Fairness Hearing; and (III) Motion for an Award of Attorneys' Fees and Reimbursement of Litigation Expenses (the "Notice") that accompanies this Claim Form, including the Plan of Allocation of the Net Settlement Fund set forth in the Notice. The Notice describes the proposed Settlement, how Settlement Class Members are affected by the Settlement, and the manner in which the Net Settlement Fund will be distributed if the Settlement and Plan of Allocation are approved by the Court. The Notice also contains the definitions of many of the defined terms (which are indicated by initial capital letters) used in this Claim Form. By signing and submitting this Claim Form, you will be certifying that you have read and that you understand the Notice, including the terms of the releases described therein and provided for herein.

2. Use the Schedule of Transactions in Part III of this Claim Form to supply all required details of your transaction(s) (including free transfers and deliveries) in and holdings of EZCORP Class A common stock ("EZCORP common stock"). On this schedule, please provide all of the requested information with respect to your holdings, purchases, acquisitions, and sales of EZCORP common stock, whether such transactions resulted in a profit or a loss. **Failure to report all transaction and holding information during the requested time period may result in the rejection of your claim.**

3. You are required to submit genuine and sufficient documentation for all of your transactions in and holdings of EZCORP common stock set forth in the Schedule of Transactions in Part III of this Claim Form. Documentation may consist of copies of brokerage confirmation slips or monthly brokerage account statements (if you are not submitting the complete monthly statement, please be sure to send every page of the statement that contains positions and transaction information for EZCORP common stock), or an authorized statement from your broker containing the transactional and holding information found in a broker confirmation slip or account statement. Your supporting documentation must include the page of the document setting forth the name of the claimant. The Parties and the Claims Administrator do not independently have information about your investments in EZCORP common stock. **IF SUCH DOCUMENTS ARE NOT IN YOUR POSSESSION, PLEASE OBTAIN COPIES OR EQUIVALENT DOCUMENTS FROM YOUR BROKER. FAILURE TO SUPPLY THIS DOCUMENTATION MAY RESULT IN THE REJECTION OF YOUR CLAIM. DO NOT SEND ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS. Please keep a copy of all documents that you send to the Claims Administrator. Also, please do not highlight any portion of the Claim Form or any supporting documents.**

4. Separate Claim Forms should be submitted for each separate legal entity (e.g., a claim from joint owners should not include separate transactions of just one of the joint owners, and an individual should not combine his or her IRA transactions with transactions made solely in the individual's name). Conversely, a single Claim Form should be submitted on behalf of one legal entity including all transactions made by that entity on one Claim Form, no matter how many separate accounts that entity has (e.g., a corporation with multiple brokerage accounts should include all transactions made in all accounts on one Claim Form).

5. Agents, executors, administrators, guardians, and trustees must complete and sign the Claim Form on behalf of persons or entities represented by them, and they must:

- (a) expressly state the capacity in which they are acting;
- (b) identify the name, account number, Social Security Number (or taxpayer identification number), address and telephone number of the beneficial owner of (or other person or entity on whose behalf they are acting with respect to) the EZCORP common stock; and
- (c) furnish herewith evidence of their authority to bind to the Claim Form the person or entity on whose behalf they are acting. (Authority to complete and sign a Claim Form cannot be established by stockbrokers demonstrating only that they have discretionary authority to trade securities in another person's accounts.)

6. **PLEASE NOTE:** As set forth in the Plan of Allocation, each Authorized Claimant shall receive his, her or its *pro rata* share of the Net Settlement Fund. If the prorated payment to any Authorized Claimant calculates to less than \$10.00, it will not be included in the calculation and no distribution will be made to that Authorized Claimant.

7. **NOTICE REGARDING ELECTRONIC FILES:** Certain claimants with large numbers of transactions may request, or may be requested, to submit information regarding their transactions in electronic files. To obtain the mandatory electronic filing requirements and file layout, you may visit the settlement website at www.EZCORPSecuritiesSettlement.com or you may email the Claims Administrator's electronic filing department at eclaim@gardencitygroup.com. Any file not in accordance with the required electronic filing format will be subject to rejection. No electronic files will be considered to have been properly submitted unless the Claims Administrator issues an email to that effect after processing your file with your Claim Numbers and respective account information. **Do not assume that your file has been received or processed until you receive this email. If you do not receive such an email within 10 days of your submission, you should contact the electronic filing department at eclaim@gardencitygroup.com to inquire about your file and confirm it was received and acceptable.**



PART III - SCHEDULE OF TRANSACTIONS IN EZCORP CLASS A COMMON STOCK

Please be sure to include proper documentation with your Claim Form as described in detail in Part II – General Instructions, Paragraph 3, above. Do not include information regarding securities other than EZCORP Class A common stock.

1. HOLDINGS AS OF APRIL 19, 2012 – State the total number of shares of EZCORP common stock held as of the opening of trading on April 19, 2012. (Must be documented.) If none, write “zero” or “0.”	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>	Confirm Proof of Position Enclosed <input type="checkbox"/>
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2. PURCHASES/ACQUISITIONS FROM APRIL 19, 2012 THROUGH OCTOBER 6, 2014 – Separately list each and every purchase/acquisition (including free receipts) of EZCORP common stock from after the opening of trading on April 19, 2012 through and including the close of trading on October 6, 2014. (Must be documented.)

Date of Purchase/Acquisition (List Chronologically) (Month/Day/Year)	Number of Shares Purchased/Acquired	Purchase/Acquisition Price Per Share	Total Purchase/Acquisition Price (excluding taxes, commissions, and fees)	Check this box if purchase was due to the exercise/ assignment of an option
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3. PURCHASES/ACQUISITIONS FROM AFTER THE CLOSE ON OCTOBER 6, 2014 THROUGH JANUARY 2, 2015 – State the total number of shares of EZCORP common stock purchased/acquired (including free receipts) from after the close of trading on October 6, 2014 through and including the close of trading on January 2, 2015. If none, write “zero” or “0.” ²	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>
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4. SALES FROM APRIL 19, 2012 THROUGH JANUARY 2, 2015 – Separately list each and every sale/disposition (including free deliveries) of EZCORP common stock from after the opening of trading on April 19, 2012 through and including the close of trading on January 2, 2015. (Must be documented.)	If None, Check Here <input type="checkbox"/>
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Date of Sale (List Chronologically) (Month/Day/Year)	Number of Shares Sold	Sale Price Per Share	Total Sale Price (excluding taxes, commissions, and fees)	Check this box if sale was due to the exercise/ assignment of an option
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5. HOLDINGS AS OF JANUARY 2, 2015 – State the total number of shares of EZCORP common stock held as of the close of trading on January 2, 2015. (Must be documented.) If none, write “zero” or “0.”	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>	Confirm Proof of Position Enclosed <input type="checkbox"/>
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² **Please note:** Information requested with respect to your purchases/acquisitions of EZCORP common stock from after the close of trading on October 6, 2014 through and including the close of trading on January 2, 2015 is needed in order to balance your claim; purchases/acquisitions during this period, however, are not eligible under the Settlement and will not be used for purposes of calculating your Recognized Claim pursuant to the Plan of Allocation.

IF YOU REQUIRE ADDITIONAL SPACE FOR THE SCHEDULE ABOVE, ATTACH EXTRA SCHEDULES IN THE SAME FORMAT. PRINT THE BENEFICIAL OWNER’S FULL NAME AND LAST FOUR DIGITS OF SOCIAL SECURITY/TAXPAYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ON EACH ADDITIONAL PAGE. IF YOU DO ATTACH EXTRA SCHEDULES, CHECK THIS BOX

**PART IV – RELEASE OF CLAIMS AND SIGNATURE****YOU MUST ALSO READ THE RELEASE AND CERTIFICATION BELOW AND SIGN THIS CLAIM FORM.**

I (we) hereby acknowledge that, pursuant to the terms set forth in the Stipulation, without further action by anyone, upon the Effective Date of the Settlement, I (we), on behalf of myself (ourselves) and my (our) heirs, executors, administrators, predecessors, successors, and assigns, in their capacities as such, shall be deemed to have, and by operation of law and of the judgment shall have, fully, finally and forever compromised, settled, released, resolved, relinquished, waived and discharged each and every Released Plaintiffs' Claim (including, without limitation, any Unknown Claims) against the Defendants and the other Defendants' Releasees, and shall forever be barred and enjoined from prosecuting any or all of the Released Plaintiffs' Claims against any of the Defendants' Releasees.

CERTIFICATION

By signing and submitting this Claim Form, the claimant(s) or the person(s) who represent(s) the claimant(s) agree(s) to the release above and certifies (certify) as follows:

1. that I (we) have read and understand the contents of the Notice and this Claim Form, including the releases provided for in the Settlement and the terms of the Plan of Allocation;
2. that the claimant(s) is a (are) Settlement Class Member(s), as defined in the Notice, and is (are) not excluded by definition from the Settlement Class as set forth in the Notice;
3. that the claimant(s) has (have) **not submitted** a request for exclusion from the Settlement Class;
4. that I (we) own(ed) the EZCORP common stock identified in the Claim Form and have not assigned the claim against any of the Defendants or any of the other Defendants' Releasees to another, or that, in signing and submitting this Claim Form, I (we) have the authority to act on behalf of the owner(s) thereof;
5. that the claimant(s) has (have) not submitted any other claim covering the same purchases/acquisitions of EZCORP common stock and knows (know) of no other person having done so on the claimant's (claimants') behalf;
6. that the claimant(s) submit(s) to the jurisdiction of the Court with respect to claimant's (claimants') claim and for purposes of enforcing the releases set forth herein;
7. that I (we) agree to furnish such additional information with respect to this Claim Form as Lead Counsel, the Claims Administrator or the Court may require;
8. that the claimant(s) waive(s) the right to trial by jury, to the extent it exists, and agree(s) to the Court's summary disposition of the determination of the validity or amount of the claim made by this Claim Form;
9. that I (we) acknowledge that the claimant(s) will be bound by and subject to the terms of any judgment(s) that may be entered in the Action; and
10. that the claimant(s) is (are) NOT subject to backup withholding under the provisions of Section 3406(a) (1)(C) of the Internal Revenue Code because (a) the claimant(s) is (are) exempt from backup withholding or (b) the claimant(s) has (have) not been notified by the IRS that he/she/it is subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends or (c) the IRS has notified the claimant(s) that he/she/it is no longer subject to backup withholding. **If the IRS has notified the claimant(s) that he/she/it is subject to backup withholding, please strike out the language in the preceding sentence indicating that the claim is not subject to backup withholding in the certification above.**



PART IV – RELEASE OF CLAIMS AND SIGNATURE CONT'D

UNDER THE PENALTIES OF PERJURY, I (WE) CERTIFY THAT ALL OF THE INFORMATION PROVIDED BY ME (US) ON THIS CLAIM FORM IS TRUE, CORRECT, AND COMPLETE, AND THAT THE DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED HEREWITH ARE TRUE AND CORRECT COPIES OF WHAT THEY PURPORT TO BE.

Signature of Claimant

Date

Print Your Name Here

Signature of Joint Claimant, if any

Date

Print Your Name Here

If the claimant is other than an individual, or is not the person completing this form, the following also must be provided:

Signature of Person Signing on Behalf of Claimant

Date

Print Your Name Here

Capacity of person signing on behalf of claimant, if other than an individual, e.g., executor, president, trustee, custodian, etc. (Must provide evidence of authority to act on behalf of claimant – see paragraph 5 on page 3 of this Claim Form.)

REMINDER CHECKLIST

1. Please sign the above release and certification. If this Claim Form is being made on behalf of joint claimants, then both must sign.
2. Remember to attach only **copies** of acceptable supporting documentation as these documents will not be returned to you.
3. Please do not highlight any portion of the Claim Form or any supporting documents.
4. Keep copies of the completed Claim Form and documentation for your own records.
5. The Claims Administrator will acknowledge receipt of your Claim Form by mail, within 60 days. Your claim is not deemed filed until you receive an acknowledgement postcard. If you do not receive an acknowledgement postcard within 60 days, please call the Claims Administrator toll free at (888) 320-8169.
6. If your address changes in the future, or if this Claim Form was sent to an old or incorrect address, please send the Claims Administrator written notification of your new address. If you change your name, please inform the Claims Administrator.
7. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your claim, please contact the Claims Administrator at the address below, by toll-free phone at (888) 320-8169, or you may visit www.EZCORPSecuritiesSettlement.com. Please DO NOT call EZCORP or any of the other Defendants or their counsel with questions regarding your claim.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

In re:

EZCORP, INC. SECURITIES
LITIGATION,

This document applies to: ALL CASES

No. 14-cv-6834-ALC-AJP

Hon. Andrew L. Carter, Jr.

CLASS ACTION

EXHIBIT A-3

**SUMMARY NOTICE OF (I) PENDENCY OF CLASS ACTION,
CERTIFICATION OF SETTLEMENT CLASS, AND PROPOSED SETTLEMENT;
(II) SETTLEMENT FAIRNESS HEARING; AND (III) MOTION FOR AN AWARD OF
ATTORNEYS' FEES AND REIMBURSEMENT OF LITIGATION EXPENSES**

TO: All persons and entities who, during the period between April 19, 2012, and October 6, 2014, inclusive (“the Settlement Class Period”), purchased or otherwise acquired Class A common stock issued by EZCORP, Inc. (“EZCORP”), and were damaged thereby (the “Settlement Class”); and

PLEASE READ THIS NOTICE CAREFULLY, YOUR RIGHTS WILL BE AFFECTED BY A CLASS ACTION LAWSUIT PENDING IN THIS COURT.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED, pursuant to Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and an Order of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, that the above-captioned litigation (the “Action”) has been certified for settlement purposes as a class action on behalf of the Settlement Class, except for certain persons and entities who are excluded from the Settlement Class by definition as set forth in the full printed Notice of (I) Pendency of Class Action, Certification of Settlement Class, and Proposed Settlement; (II) Settlement Fairness Hearing; and (III) Motion for an Award of Attorneys’ Fees and Reimbursement of Litigation Expenses (the “Notice”).

YOU ARE ALSO NOTIFIED that Lead Plaintiff in the Action has reached a proposed settlement of the Action for \$5.9 million in cash (the “Settlement”), that, if approved, will resolve all claims in the Action.

A hearing will be held on _____, 2017, at ____ a.m./ p.m., before the Honorable Andrew L. Carter, Jr., at the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, Thurgood Marshall United States Courthouse, Courtroom 1306, 40 Foley Square, New York, NY 10007, to determine (i) whether the proposed Settlement should be approved as fair, reasonable, and adequate; (ii) whether the Action should be dismissed with prejudice against the Defendants, and the Releases specified and described in the Stipulation and Agreement of Settlement (and in

the Notice) should be granted; (iii) whether the proposed Plan of Allocation should be approved as fair and reasonable; and (iv) whether Lead Counsel’s application for an award of attorneys’ fees and reimbursement of Litigation Expenses should be approved.

If you are a member of the Settlement Class, your rights will be affected by the pending Action and the Settlement, and you may be entitled to share in the Settlement Fund. If you have not yet received the Notice and Claim Form, you may obtain copies of these documents by contacting the Claims Administrator at EZCORP Securities Litigation, c/o GCG, P.O. Box 10354, Dublin, OH 43017-5554, or toll-free at (888) 320-8169. Copies of the Notice and Claim Form can also be downloaded from the website maintained by the Claims Administrator, at www.EZCORPSecuritiesSettlement.com.

If you are a member of the Settlement Class, in order to be potentially eligible to receive a payment under the proposed Settlement, you must submit a Claim Form *postmarked* no later than _____, 2017. If you are a member of the Settlement Class and do not submit a proper Claim Form, you will not be eligible to share in the distribution of the net proceeds of the Settlement but you will nevertheless be bound by any judgments or orders entered by the Court in the Action.

If you are a member of the Settlement Class and wish to exclude yourself from the Settlement Class, you must submit a request for exclusion such that it is *received* no later than _____, 2017, in accordance with the instructions set forth in the Notice. If you properly exclude yourself from the Settlement Class, you will not be bound by any judgments or orders entered by the Court in the Action and you will not be eligible to share in the proceeds of the Settlement.

Any objections to the proposed Settlement, the proposed Plan of Allocation, or Lead Counsel’s motion for attorneys’ fees and reimbursement of Litigation Expenses, must be filed with the Court and delivered to Lead Counsel and EZCORP’s counsel such that they are *received* no later than _____, 2017, in accordance with the instructions set forth in the Notice.

Please do not contact the Defendants or their counsel regarding this notice. All questions about this notice, the proposed Settlement, or your eligibility to participate in the Settlement should be directed to Lead Counsel or the Claims Administrator.

<p>Inquiries regarding the Settlement Class, other than requests for the Notice and Claim Form, should be made to Lead Counsel: Bernstein Litowitz Berger & Grossmann LLP Timothy A. DeLange, Esq. Niki L. Mendoza, Esq. 12481 High Bluff Drive, Suite 300 San Diego, CA 92130 (866) 648-2524 blbg@blbglaw.com</p>	<p>Requests for the Notice and Claim Form should be made to: EZCORP Securities Litigation c/o GCG P.O. Box 10354 Dublin, OH 43017-5554 (888) 320-8169 www.EZCORPSecuritiesSettlement.com</p>
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By Order of the Court

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

In re:

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LITIGATION,

This document applies to: ALL CASES

No. 14-cv-6834-ALC-AJP

Hon. Andrew L. Carter, Jr.

CLASS ACTION

EXHIBIT B

**[PROPOSED] JUDGMENT APPROVING
CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT**

WHEREAS, a securities class action is pending in this Court entitled *In re: EZCORP, Inc. Securities Litigation*, Case No. 14-cv-6834 (the “Action”);

WHEREAS, (a) Lead Plaintiff Automotive Machinists Pension Trust (“Lead Plaintiff” or “Automotive Machinists”), on behalf of itself and the Settlement Class (defined below); and (b) Defendants EZCORP, Inc. (“EZCORP”), Paul E. Rothamel, Mark E. Kuchenrither, MS Pawn Limited Partnership, and Phillip Ean Cohen (collectively, “Defendants” and, together with Lead Plaintiff, the “Parties”), have entered into a Stipulation and Agreement of Settlement (the “Stipulation”) that provides for a complete dismissal with prejudice of the claims asserted against Defendants in the Action on the terms and conditions set forth in the Stipulation, subject to the approval of this Court (the “Settlement”);

WHEREAS, unless otherwise defined in this Judgment, the capitalized terms herein shall have the same meaning as they have in the Stipulation;

WHEREAS, by Order dated _____ (the “Preliminary Approval Order”), this Court (a) preliminarily approved the Settlement; (b) certified the Settlement Class solely for

purposes of effectuating the Settlement; (c) ordered that notice of the proposed Settlement be provided to potential Settlement Class Members; (d) provided Settlement Class Members with the opportunity either to exclude themselves from the Settlement Class or to object to the proposed Settlement; and (e) scheduled a hearing regarding final approval of the Settlement;

WHEREAS, due and adequate notice has been given to the Settlement Class;

WHEREAS, the Court conducted a hearing on _____, 2017 (the “Settlement Hearing”) to consider, among other things, (a) whether the terms and conditions of the Settlement are fair, reasonable and adequate to the Settlement Class, and should therefore be approved; and (b) whether a judgment should be entered dismissing the Action with prejudice as against the Defendants; and

WHEREAS, the Court having reviewed and considered the Stipulation, all papers filed and proceedings held herein in connection with the Settlement, all oral and written comments received regarding the Settlement, and the record in the Action, and good cause appearing therefor;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED:

1. **Jurisdiction** – The Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of the Action, and all matters relating to the Settlement, as well as personal jurisdiction over all of the Parties and each of the members of the Settlement Class.

2. **Incorporation of Settlement Documents** – This Judgment incorporates and makes a part hereof: (a) the Stipulation; and (b) the Notice and the Summary Notice that were disseminated and published, copies of which were filed with the Court in advance of the Settlement Hearing.

3. **Class Certification for Settlement Purposes** – The Court hereby affirms its determinations in the Preliminary Approval Order certifying, for the purposes of the Settlement

only, the Action as a class action pursuant to Rules 23(a) and (b)(3) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure on behalf of the Settlement Class consisting of all persons and entities who purchased or otherwise acquired Class A common stock issued by EZCORP between April 19, 2012, and October 6, 2014, inclusive, and were damaged thereby. Excluded from the Settlement Class are Defendants; the Officers and directors of the corporate Defendants during the Settlement Class Period (the “Excluded Officers and Directors”); members of the Immediate Families of the Individual Defendants and of the Excluded Officers and Directors; any entity in which any Defendant, any Excluded Officer or Director, or any of their respective Immediate Family members had during the Settlement Class Period and/or has a controlling interest; Defendants’ liability insurance carriers; any affiliates, parents, or subsidiaries of the corporate Defendants; all corporate Defendants’ plans that are covered by ERISA; and the legal representatives, heirs, agents, affiliates, successors-in-interest or assigns of any excluded person or entity, in their respective capacity as such. [Also excluded from the Settlement Class are the persons and entities listed on Exhibit 1 hereto who are excluded pursuant to request.]

4. **Adequacy of Representation** – Pursuant to Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, and for the purposes of the Settlement only, the Court hereby affirms its determinations in the Preliminary Approval Order appointing Lead Plaintiff as Class Representative for the Settlement Class and appointing Lead Counsel as Class Counsel for the Settlement Class. Lead Plaintiff and Lead Counsel have fairly and adequately represented the Settlement Class both in terms of litigating the Action and for purposes of entering into and implementing the Settlement and have satisfied the requirements of Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 23(a)(4) and 23(g), respectively.

5. **Notice** – The Court finds that the dissemination of the Notice and the publication of the Summary Notice: (a) were implemented in accordance with the Preliminary Approval Order; (b) constituted the best notice practicable under the circumstances; (c) constituted notice that was reasonably calculated, under the circumstances, to apprise Settlement Class Members of: (i) the pendency of the Action; (ii) the effect of the proposed Settlement (including the Releases to be provided thereunder); (iii) Lead Counsel’s motion for an award of attorneys’ fees and reimbursement of Litigation Expenses; (iv) their right to object to any aspect of the Settlement, the Plan of Allocation and/or Lead Counsel’s motion for attorneys’ fees and reimbursement of Litigation Expenses; (v) their right to exclude themselves from the Settlement Class; and (vi) their right to appear at the Settlement Hearing; (d) constituted due, adequate, and sufficient notice to all persons and entities entitled to receive notice of the proposed Settlement; and (e) satisfied the requirements of Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the United States Constitution (including the Due Process Clause), the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 (“PSLRA”), 15 U.S.C. § 78u-4, *et seq.*, as amended, and all other applicable law and rules.

6. **Final Settlement Approval and Dismissal of Claims** – Pursuant to, and in accordance with, Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, this Court hereby fully and finally approves the Settlement set forth in the Stipulation in all respects (including, without limitation: the amount of the Settlement; the Releases provided for therein; and the dismissal with prejudice of the claims asserted against Defendants in the Action), and finds that the Settlement is, in all respects, fair, reasonable and adequate to the Settlement Class. The Parties are directed to implement, perform and consummate the Settlement in accordance with the terms and provisions contained in the Stipulation.

7. The Action and all of the claims asserted against Defendants in the Action by Lead Plaintiff and the other Settlement Class Members are hereby dismissed with prejudice. Upon the Effective Date, any and all claims for contribution based upon or arising out of the Released Plaintiffs' Claims (a) by any person or entity against any of the Defendants or (b) by any of the Defendants against any other person or entity, other than a person or entity whose liability has been extinguished by the Settlement, are permanently barred, extinguished, and discharged to the fullest extent permitted by law. The Parties shall bear their own costs and expenses, except as otherwise expressly provided in the Stipulation.

8. **Binding Effect** – The terms of the Stipulation and of this Judgment shall be forever binding on Defendants, Lead Plaintiff and all other Settlement Class Members (regardless of whether or not any individual Settlement Class Member submits a Claim Form or seeks or obtains a distribution from the Net Settlement Fund), as well as their respective successors and assigns. [The persons and entities listed on Exhibit 1 hereto are excluded from the Settlement Class pursuant to request and are not bound by the terms of the Stipulation or this Judgment.]

9. **Releases** – The Releases set forth in the Stipulation are expressly incorporated herein in all respects. The Releases are effective as of the Effective Date. Accordingly, this Court orders that:

(a) Without further action by anyone, and subject to paragraph 10 below, upon the Effective Date of the Settlement, Lead Plaintiff and each of the other Settlement Class Members, on behalf of themselves, and their respective heirs, executors, administrators, predecessors, successors, and assigns in their capacities as such, shall be deemed to have, and by operation of law and of this Judgment shall have, fully, finally and forever compromised, settled, released, resolved, relinquished, waived and discharged each and every Released Plaintiffs' Claim

(including, without limitation, any Unknown Claims) against the Defendants and the other Defendants' Releasees, and shall forever be barred and enjoined from prosecuting any or all of the Released Plaintiffs' Claims against any of the Defendants' Releasees. This Release shall not apply to the Excluded Claims, [and shall not apply to the persons and entities listed on Exhibit 1 hereto.]

(b) Without further action by anyone, and subject to paragraph 10 below, upon the Effective Date of the Settlement, Defendants, on behalf of themselves, and their respective heirs, executors, administrators, predecessors, successors, and assigns, in their capacities as such, shall be deemed to have, and by operation of law and of this Judgment shall have, fully, finally and forever compromised, settled, released, resolved, relinquished, waived and discharged each and every Released Defendants' Claim (including, without limitation, any Unknown Claims) against Lead Plaintiff and the other Plaintiffs' Releasees, and shall forever be barred and enjoined from prosecuting any or all of the Released Defendants' Claims against any of the Plaintiffs' Releasees. [This Release shall not apply to the persons and entities listed on Exhibit 1 hereto.]

10. Notwithstanding paragraphs 9(a) – (b) above, nothing in this Judgment shall bar any action by any of the Parties to enforce or effectuate the terms of the Stipulation or this Judgment.

11. **Rule 11 Findings** – The Court finds and concludes that the Parties and their respective counsel have complied in all respects with the requirements of Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure in connection with the institution, prosecution, defense, and settlement of the Action.

12. **No Admissions** – Neither this Judgment, the Stipulation (whether or not the Settlement is consummated), including the exhibits thereto and the Plan of Allocation contained therein (or any other plan of allocation that may be approved by the Court), the negotiations leading

to the execution of the Stipulation, nor any proceedings taken pursuant to or in connection with the Stipulation and/or approval of the Settlement (including any arguments proffered in connection therewith):

(a) shall be offered against any of the Defendants' Releasees as evidence of, or construed as, or deemed to be evidence of any presumption, concession, or admission by any of the Defendants' Releasees with respect to the truth of any fact alleged by Lead Plaintiff or the validity of any claim that was or could have been asserted or the deficiency of any defense that has been or could have been asserted in this Action or in any other litigation, or of any liability, negligence, fault, or other wrongdoing of any kind of any of the Defendants' Releasees or in any way referred to for any other reason as against any of the Defendants' Releasees, in any civil, criminal or administrative action or proceeding, other than such proceedings as may be necessary to effectuate the provisions of the Stipulation;

(b) shall be offered against any of the Plaintiffs' Releasees, as evidence of, or construed as, or deemed to be evidence of any presumption, concession or admission by any of the Plaintiffs' Releasees that any of their claims are without merit, that any of the Defendants' Releasees had meritorious defenses, or that damages recoverable under the Complaint would not have exceeded the Settlement Amount or with respect to any liability, negligence, fault or wrongdoing of any kind, or in any way referred to for any other reason as against any of the Plaintiffs' Releasees, in any civil, criminal or administrative action or proceeding, other than such proceedings as may be necessary to effectuate the provisions of the Stipulation; or

(c) shall be construed against any of the Releasees as an admission, concession, or presumption that the consideration to be given under the Settlement represents the amount which could be or would have been recovered after trial;

provided, however, that the Parties and the Releasees and their respective counsel may refer to this Judgment and the Stipulation to effectuate the protections from liability granted hereunder and thereunder or otherwise to enforce the terms of the Settlement.

13. **Retention of Jurisdiction** – Without affecting the finality of this Judgment in any way, this Court retains continuing and exclusive jurisdiction over: (a) the Parties for purposes of the administration, interpretation, implementation and enforcement of the Settlement; (b) the disposition of the Settlement Fund; (c) any motion for an award of attorneys’ fees and/or reimbursement of Litigation Expenses by Lead Counsel in the Action that will be paid from the Settlement Fund; (d) any motion to approve the Plan of Allocation; (e) any motion to approve the Class Distribution Order; and (f) the Settlement Class Members for all matters relating to the Action.

14. Separate orders shall be entered regarding approval of a plan of allocation and the motion of Lead Counsel for an award of attorneys’ fees and reimbursement of Litigation Expenses. Such orders shall in no way affect or delay the finality of this Judgment and shall not affect or delay the Effective Date of the Settlement.

15. **Modification of the Stipulation and Agreement of Settlement** – Without further approval from the Court, Lead Plaintiff and Defendants are hereby authorized to agree to and adopt such amendments or modifications of the Stipulation or any exhibits attached thereto to effectuate the Settlement that: (a) are not materially inconsistent with this Judgment; and (b) do not materially limit the rights of Settlement Class Members in connection with the Settlement. Without further order of the Court, Lead Plaintiff and Defendants may agree to reasonable extensions of time to carry out any provisions of the Settlement.

16. **Termination of Settlement** – If the Settlement is terminated as provided in the Stipulation or the Effective Date of the Settlement otherwise fails to occur, this Judgment shall be vacated, rendered null and void and be of no further force and effect, except as otherwise provided by the Stipulation, and this Judgment shall be without prejudice to the rights of Lead Plaintiff, the other Settlement Class Members, and Defendants, and the Parties shall revert to their respective position in the Action as of November 23, 2016, as provided in the Stipulation.

17. **Entry of Final Judgment** – There is no just reason to delay the entry of this Judgment as a final judgment in this Action. Accordingly, the Clerk of the Court is expressly directed to immediately enter this final judgment in this Action.

SO ORDERED this _____ day of _____, 2017.

Hon. Andrew L. Carter, Jr.
United States District Judge

[Exhibit 1]