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Set forth below is the transcript from Wisconsin Energy Corporation s first quarter 2015 earnings call.

#### **Cautionary Statements Regarding Forward-Looking Information**

This communication contains certain forward-looking statements with respect to the financial condition, results of operations and business of Wisconsin Energy and Integrys and the combined businesses of Integrys and Wisconsin Energy and certain plans and objectives of Wisconsin Energy and Integrys with respect thereto, including the expected benefits of the proposed merger. These forward-looking statements can be identified by the fact that they do not relate only to historical or current facts. Forward-looking statements often use words such as anticipate target, expect, estimate, intend, plan, goal, believe, hope, aim, continue, will, may, would, could or should or of the negative thereof. There are several factors which could cause actual plans and results to differ materially from those expressed or implied in forward-looking statements, Such factors include, but are not limited to, the expected closing date of the proposed merger; the possibility that the expected synergies and value creation from the proposed merger will not be realized, or will not be realized within the expected time period; the risk that the businesses of Wisconsin Energy and Integrys will not be integrated successfully; disruption from the proposed merger making it more difficult to maintain business and operational relationships; the risk that unexpected costs will be incurred; changes in economic conditions, political conditions, trade protection measures, licensing requirements and tax matters; the possibility that the proposed merger does not close, including, but not limited to, due to the failure to satisfy the closing conditions; and the risk that financing for the proposed merger may not be available on favorable terms. These forward-looking statements are based on numerous assumptions and assessments made by Wisconsin Energy and/or Integrys in light of their experience and perception of historical trends, current conditions, business strategies, operating environment, future developments and other factors that each party believes appropriate. By their nature, forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks and uncertainties because they relate to events and depend on circumstances that will occur in the future. The factors described in the context of such forward-looking statements in this communication could cause actual results, performance or achievements, industry results and developments to differ materially from those expressed in or implied by such forward-looking statements. Although it is believed that the expectations reflected in such forward-looking statements are reasonable, no assurance can be given that such expectations will prove to have been correct and persons reading this communication are therefore cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements which speak only as of the date of this communication. Neither Wisconsin Energy nor Integrys assumes any obligation to update the information contained in this communication (whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise), except as required by applicable law. A further list and description of risks and uncertainties at Wisconsin Energy can be found in Wisconsin Energy s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014 and in its reports filed on Form 10-Q and Form 8-K. A further list and description of risks and uncertainties at Integrys can be found in Integrys s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014 and in its reports filed on Form 10-Q and Form 8-K.

#### Additional Information and Where to Find It

In connection with the proposed merger, Wisconsin Energy filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) a registration statement on Form S-4 that includes a joint proxy statement/prospectus for the shareholders of Wisconsin Energy and Integrys. The registration statement was declared effective by the SEC on October 6, 2014. Each of Wisconsin Energy and Integrys mailed the joint proxy statement/prospectus to their respective shareholders and will file other documents regarding the proposed merger with the SEC. Wisconsin Energy and Integrys urge investors and shareholders to read the joint proxy statement/prospectus, as well as other documents filed with the SEC when they become available, because they will contain important information. Investors and security holders will be able to receive the registration statement containing the joint proxy statement/prospectus and other documents free of charge at the SEC s web site, http://www.sec.gov, from Wisconsin Energy at Wisconsin Energy Corporation, Corporate Secretary, 231 W. Michigan St., P.O. Box 1331, Milwaukee, WI 53201, or from Integrys at Integrys Energy Group, Inc., Investor Relations, 200 East Randolph Street, 23rd Floor, Chicago, IL 60601.

### Non-solicitation

This communication shall not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy any securities, nor shall there be any sale of securities in any jurisdiction

in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the securities laws of any such jurisdiction. No offer of securities shall be made except by means of a prospectus meeting the requirements of Section 10 of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

rates average 50 basis points more during the remaining six months of the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004 than they did in the comparable period of 2003, the Company's interest expense during those six months would increase by approximately \$38,000. This amount is determined by considering the impact of the hypothetical interest rates on the Company's variable-rate debt at March 31, 2004. The Company's earnings and financial position are affected by foreign exchange rate fluctuations related to the equity investment in A&B. A&B's functional currency is the U.K. pound. The U.K. pound exchange rate can directly and indirectly impact the Company's results of operations and financial position in several ways. For example, a devalued pound could result in an economic recession in the U.K., which in turn could impact A&B's and the Company's results of operations and financial position. The impact on the Company's results of operations and financial position of a hypothetical change in the exchange rate between the U.S. dollar and the U.K. pound cannot be reasonably estimated due to the interrelationship of operating results and exchange rates. The translation adjustment, net of tax, representing the strengthening in the U.K. pound during the quarter ended December 31, 2003 (included in the Company's March 31, 2004 results on a three-month lag as described above) was approximately a \$190,000 increase to stockholders' equity. On March 31, 2004, the U.K. pound closed at 1.00 to 1.8262 U.S. dollars, a strengthening from 1.7785 at December 31, 2003. No assurance can be given as to the future valuation of the U.K. pound and how further movements in the pound could affect future earnings or the financial position of the Company. FORWARD-LOOKING INFORMATION This Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q includes "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. All statements other than statements of historical information provided herein are forward-looking and may contain information about financial results, economic conditions, trends and known uncertainties. The Company cautions the reader that actual results could differ materially from those expected by the Company depending on the outcome of certain factors, including without limitation (i) fluctuations in the Company's inventory and loan balances, inventory turnover, average yields on loan portfolios, pawn redemption rates, payday loan default and collection rates, labor and employment matters, competition, operating risk, acquisition and expansion risk, changes in the number of expected store openings, changes in expected returns from new stores, liquidity, and capital requirements 20 and the effect of government and environmental regulations, and (ii) adverse changes in the market for the Company's services. Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date hereof. The Company undertakes no obligations to release publicly the results of any revisions to these forward-looking statements which may be made to reflect events or circumstances after the date hereon, including without limitation, changes in the Company's business strategy or planned capital expenditures, or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events. ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES The Company restated its Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows for the quarter ended March 31, 2004 and the years ended September 30, 2003, 2002 and 2001. For a description of the restatement of the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows and the amendment of related disclosures, see the Explanatory Note on the second page of this Form 10-Q/A. Under the supervision and with the participation of the Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, management of the Company has evaluated the effectiveness of the design and operation of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) as of March 31, 2004 ("Evaluation Date"). In making this evaluation, we considered matters relating to the restatement of the previously issued Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows and the amendment of related disclosures. The Company determined that a significant deficiency existed in its disclosure controls surrounding the preparation of the Statements of Cash Flows. The Company has taken steps to improve the control processes surrounding the preparation and review of the Statements of Cash Flows. Specifically, key personnel involved in the preparation and review of the

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Company's financial statements have undertaken research of both authoritative guidance and industry practices in order to improve their understanding of cash flow presentation issues relevant to the consumer finance industry. Management also will institute more rigorous reviews of the elements contained in the Statement of Cash Flows to be certain that it accurately captures only cash items consistent with the requirements of the Financial Accounting Standards Board's Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 95 - Statement of Cash Flows ("SFAS 95"), and properly segregates transactions between the different activities presented in the Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows. There were no other significant deficiencies, and therefore there were no other corrective actions taken. In light of, among other things, the facts and circumstances relating to the restatement, the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded the significant deficiency noted above and the restatement itself were not reflective of any material weakness in the disclosure controls and procedures. In support of this conclusion, the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer noted that the Company's restatement of its Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows for the quarter ended March 31, 2004 and the years ended September 30, 2003, 2002 and 2001 is, in substance, only a reclassification of certain items as well as an elimination of certain non-cash items in the Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows, as more fully described in Note K to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements. Also, to management's knowledge no investor has expressed to the Company any confusion or uncertainty about the Company's disclosure approach during that period of time. The reclassification is the result of an interpretation of the Company's business characteristics in relation to generally accepted accounting principles pursuant to the requirements of SFAS 95, which calls for the exclusion of non-cash transactions from the statement of cash flows. Management assessed the magnitude of any actual or potential misstatement resulting from the changes described above and concluded that the magnitude of any actual or potential misstatement was limited to the classification of certain items in the "Cash Flows from Operating Activities" and "Cash Flows from Investing Activities" sections of the Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows and did not affect any other part of the Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows or any of the Company's other financial statements. Based upon the evaluation described above, the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that, as of the Evaluation Date, the Company's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Exchange Act) are effective to ensure that information required to be disclosed by the Company in reports that it files or submits under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in Securities and Exchange Commission rules and forms. Additionally, there were no 21 significant changes in the Company's internal controls or other factors that could significantly affect those controls subsequent to the date of their evaluation. The Company's management, including its Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, does not expect that the Company's disclosure controls and procedures or internal controls will prevent all possible error and fraud. A control system, no matter how well conceived and operated, can provide only reasonable, not absolute, assurance that the objectives of the control system are met. Further, the design of a control system must reflect the fact that there are resource constraints, and the benefits of controls must be considered relative to their costs. Because of the inherent limitations in all control systems, no evaluation of controls can provide absolute assurance that all control issues and instances of fraud, if any, within the Company have been detected. 22 PART II ITEM 1. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS From time to time, the Company is involved in litigation and regulatory actions arising from its normal business operations. Currently, the Company is a defendant in several actions, some of which involve claims for substantial amounts. While the ultimate outcome of these actions cannot be determined, after consultation with counsel, the Company believes the resolution of these actions will not have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial condition, results of operation, or liquidity. There can be no assurance, however, as to the ultimate outcome of these actions. ITEM 4. SUBMISSION OF MATTERS TO A VOTE OF SECURITY HOLDERS By written consent dated February 10, 2004, the holder of a majority of the Company's Class B voting common stock ratified the audit committee's re-appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as the Company's independent auditors for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004. ITEM 6. EXHIBITS AND REPORTS ON FORM 8-K (a) Exhibit Incorporated by Number Description Reference to ----- 10.89 Third Amended and Restated Credit Agreement between the Company and Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as Agent and Issuing Bank, re: \$40 million Credit Facility 31.1 Certification of Chief Executive Officer Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 31.2 Certification of Chief Financial Officer Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 32.1 Certification of Chief Executive Officer Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 32.2 Certification of Chief Financial Officer Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (b) Reports on Form 8-K ------ Filing Date Item Reported

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Information Reported ----- 8-K 4/20/04 Item 12 - Quarterly earnings announcement and related press Results of release. Operations and Financial Condition 23 SIGNATURE Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized. EZCORP, INC. (Registrant) Date: November 24, 2004 By:/s/DAN N. TONISSEN ------- (Signature) Dan N. Tonissen Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer & Director 24 EXHIBIT INDEX Exhibit Incorporated by Number Description Reference to ----- 10.89 Third Amended and Restated Credit Agreement between the Company and Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as Agent and Issuing Bank, re: \$40 million Credit Facility 31.1 Certification of Chief Executive Officer Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 31.2 Certification of Chief Financial Officer Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 32.2 Certification of Chief Financial Officer Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 32.2 Certification of Chief Financial Officer Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 32.2 Certification of Chief Financial Officer Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 25