

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported):
JANUARY 4, 2005

EZCORP, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE 0-
19424 74-
2540145
(State or
other
jurisdiction
of
(Commission
File Number)
(I.R.S.
Employer
incorporation)
Identification
No.)

1901
CAPITAL
PARKWAY
AUSTIN,
TEXAS
78746
(Address
of
principal
executive
offices)
(Zip
Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

(512) 314-3400

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

ITEM 5.02. ELECTION OF DIRECTOR

On January 4, 2005, EZCORP, Inc. issued a press release announcing the election of a new Director to its Board of Directors. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.

ITEM 9.01. EXHIBITS.

99 Press release dated January 4, 2005, issued by EZCORP, Inc.

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 hereunto duly authorized.

EZCORP, INC.
(Registrant)

Date: January 4, 2005

By: /s/ Daniel N. Tonissen

(Signature)
Senior Vice President, Chief Financial
Officer, and Director

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99 Press release dated January 4, 2005, issued by EZCORP, Inc.

EZCORP ANNOUNCES ELECTION OF NEW DIRECTOR

AUSTIN, TEXAS (JANUARY 4, 2005) -- EZCORP, Inc. (NASDAQ: EZPW) today announced the election of Thomas C. Roberts to its Board of Directors.

Mr. Roberts is a graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and served five years in a number of staff and command positions in the U.S. Army.

Mr. Roberts's civilian career began in 1969 with Schlumberger, a multi-national electronics and oilfield services company. During sixteen years at Schlumberger, Mr. Roberts progressed through multiple assignments including VP-Finance of European Operations, Chairman and CEO of Schlumberger's publicly traded electronics subsidiaries in the United Kingdom, EVP and Chief Financial Officer of Schlumberger, and CEO of Schlumberger's worldwide electronics operations. From 1985 to 1989, Mr. Roberts served on the Board of Directors and was President and CEO of the Computer Systems and Services operations of Control Data Corporation.

Retiring from corporate life in 1989, Mr. Roberts has spent the past 15 years as a private investor and has served on several boards. Presently, he is Chairman of Pensco, Inc., a San Francisco based financial services company. Mr. Roberts resides in Austin, Texas.

EZCORP meets the short-term cash needs of the cash and credit constrained consumer by offering convenient, non-recourse loans collateralized by tangible personal property, commonly known as pawn loans, and short-term non-collateralized loans, often referred to as payday loans. The Company also sells merchandise, primarily collateral forfeited from its pawn lending operations, to consumers looking for good value. Currently, the Company operates 280 EZPAWN and 165 EZMONEY Payday Loan stores, 128 of which adjoin an EZPAWN location.

For additional information, contact Dan Tonissen at (512) 314-2289.