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The proposed transaction involving Huntington and FirstMerit is being submitted to FirstMerit's stockholders and Huntington's stockholders for their consideration. This communication does

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Core Strategy Implemented in 2009 Grow market share and share of wallet Marketing: Expand industry-leading brand promise and delivery – “Category of One” Technology: Focus on Digitization, Omni-channel, Cyber-security Profitable Growth with Low Relative Volatility Customer Experience and Client Advocacy Optimization of Distribution Enhanced Employee Engagement Customer Acquisition and Deepening Multi-channel optimization Micro-market approach leveraging digital investments New branch formats offering self-serve Optimal Customer Relationships (OCR) Deliver “Omni-channel” customer experiences New products & experiences that reflect customer behaviors and needs Risk Management: Maintain Aggregate “Moderate to Low” Risk Profile Improve colleague tools and technology Opportunities for training, development, and advancement Data & Analytics Digital Strategic Investments Disciplined Sales Execution Deliver “Fair Play” products and services Proactively Increase Scale: Continued focus on organic growth and selective, disciplined M&A Focus is on Consumer, Small to Medium Enterprises (including CRE), and Auto

Update on FirstMerit Integration Announcement – January 26 Regulatory application submitted – March 10 S-4 effective – April 29 Shareholder meetings – June 13 Expected transaction close – 3rd Quarter Integration Approach Key Dates Core integration tenets Leverage material experience on both Huntington and FirstMerit teams Migrate to Huntington technology platform with select enhancements Strong risk oversight governance by Board and management oversight committees Well-informed, quick decisions Integration Management Office with dedicated Enterprise Integration and Technology Integration Coordinators Board level integration oversight committee Executive level steering committees Dedicated project teams Augmented with business segment, technology, credit, risk, finance, and other support teams Supported by third-party experts and resources Disciplined approach to conversion Single conversion event for branches and core systems Optimize distribution network at conversion Implement Huntington Retail business model at all FirstMerit locations Town hall meetings with Huntington and FirstMerit colleagues across all geographies Highly-engaged and collaborative integration leadership teams representing both companies Product mapping complete Data mapping in process, near completion Conversion testing planning underway Talent selection underway Legal day one “Run the Business” planning underway Key Activities

Dealer Relationships Indirect Auto Consistently in the market for 60+ years Super-prime, average FICO ~760 Custom Score with predictive modeling Dominant Midwest market position Highly leverageable infrastructure Commercial Relationships Local market execution Innovative solutions, Avg. cross-sell >6 High credit quality, no delinquencies Zero Auto Floor Plan net charge-offs in over ten years Auto Sales Team Loans Deposits Treasury Management Employee Banking Trust CRE Private Banking INTL / FX 401K Capital Markets Insurance Investments Floorplan Operating History & Deep Dealer Relationships Drive Value Huntington is a business partner and solutions provider

Deep local relationships with high quality dealers Consistently in the market for over 60 years Dealer-centric strategy with over 3,900 dealer relationships Originations in 20 states with dominant market position in core Midwest footprint Floorplan and dealership real estate lending, core deposit relationship, full Treasury Management, Private Banking, etc. These deep relationships add value... buy rates are 20 to 50 basis points higher compared with other banks competing in the super-prime space Relationships create the flow of auto loans Super-prime customers, average FICO ~760 Low LTVs, averaging <90% Custom Score, utilized to further segment FICO eligible to enhance predictive modeling Operational efficiency and scale leverages expertise Highly scalable decision engine evaluates >70% of applications - over 1,000 point pricing matrix based on FICO, custom score, and loan-specific metrics Underwriters directly compensated on credit performance by vintage 188 FTEs currently vs. 164 FTEs at the end of 2010 with 50% increase in origination volume At March 31, 2016 Indirect Auto: \$9.9 Billion(1)



Value Proposition Drives Premium Pricing Credit-Adjusted Indirect Auto Loan Yields Exceed Peers Huntington's unique value proposition for dealers Speed of answer: Decisions engine evaluates ~70% of applications in 5 sec or less. Over 1,000 point pricing matrix based on FICO, custom score, and loan-specific metrics. Grid pricing: Deliver matrix of loan approvals with every decision, not just specific terms requested. Simplifies sales process for dealer / consumer. Same-day funding: 60% of contracts are funded same day. Industry-leading customer service: Positive customer service experience for borrowers removes potential point of conflict for dealers as consumers also associate loan with dealer, not just bank. Local sales and underwriting: 10 regional sales offices with local sales and local underwriting regularly calling on dealers. Consistency in the market: Well-established 60+ year commitment to auto finance business. Expanded during the financial crisis, while other banks fled. Well-defined, consistent credit focus. Sources: 1Q16 earnings releases \*Includes direct and indirect auto loans \*\*Federal Reserve-regulated banks; differences in charge-off recognition for Chapter 7 and 11 bankruptcies compared to OCC-regulated banks

(\$ MMs) Note: New Markets include Eastern PA, New England, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, South Dakota, North Dakota, and Illinois Expansion Markets Fuel Growth in Originations Pricing Optimization Traded Market Share for Profitability

(\$MM) 1Q16 2015 2014 2013 2012 2011 2010 2009 2008 2007 2006 Originations \$1,367 \$5,207 \$5,242 \$4,220  
 \$4,021 \$3,575 \$3,428 \$1,586 \$2,213 \$1,911 \$1,720 % New Vehicles 46% 48% 49% 45% 45% 52% 48% 37% 44%  
 47% 40% Avg. LTV 88% 90% 89% 89% 88% 88% 88% 88% 92% 95% 97% 96% Avg. FICO 765 764 764 760 758 760  
 768 763 752 743 742 Annualized risk expected loss 0.24% 0.27% 0.26% 0.28% 0.27% 0.22% 0.37% 0.40% 0.60%  
 0.83% 0.89% Charge-off % (annualized) 0.28% 0.23% 0.23% 0.19% 0.21% 0.26% 0.54% 1.51% 1.12% 0.65%  
 0.40% MMR average (1) 123.7 124.7 123.2 121.4 123.6 124.9 120.5 112.1 106.7 113.9 113.4 Unemployment rate (2)  
 4.9% 5.3% 6.2% 7.4% 8.1% 8.9% 9.6% 9.3% 5.8% 4.6% 4.6% Loan originations from 2010 through Q1'16  
 demonstrate strong characteristics and continued improvements from pre-2010. Notes: 1: Credit scoring model  
 updated in 2011 2: Previous credit model used in these periods; underwrote to a macro higher risk-expected loss in  
 2006 to 2008 periods 3: Higher losses in these periods partially driven by lower MMR 3 2 1 Origination Trends  
 Manheim index Source: BLS.gov; average of monthly seasonally-adjusted unemployment rate for period

Used Vehicle Market – Scenario Analysis Net Charge-Off Estimates Based on Manheim Index 2016 Estimated Net Charge-Offs Scenario Manheim Index Net Charge-Offs Base Case 124.7 0.21% Stress Cases 120.0 0.23% 115.0 0.25% 110.0 0.26% 105.0 0.28% 100.0 0.30% Analysis is specific to Huntington’s business model and portfolio.

Risks Underwriting Used vehicle values CFPB oversight Mitigants 70% of applications are auto-decisioned Quality assurance monitoring Low side overrides < 2% of originations 1st payment defaults – 100% reviewed 150 bp dealer commission cap implemented in fourth quarter of 2011 Dealer monitoring of dealer commissions including dealer meetings Robust daily reporting No risk layering Key Risks/Mitigating Factors

Su Auto Sub-Prime vs Prime / Super Prime Borrower Characteristics Auto Loans Typically higher priced units – greater than \$20k Vehicles financed are newer units less than 3 years old Payment vs amount financed is 35% lower  
Prime – Super Prime Auto Loans Typically lower priced units – less than \$20k Typically used, older model vehicles >6 years old Payment vs amount financed is 35% higher Sub-Prime

Appendix

Outstandings (\$MM) 1Q16 2015 2014 2013 2012 2011 2010 2009 Dealers Floor plan \$ 2,054 \$ 2,076 \$ 1,832 \$ 1,761  
 \$ 1,514 \$ 1,152 \$ 1,056 \$ 671 Other commercial loans 635 616 582 524 524 404 374 370 Total auto dealers \$ 2,689 \$  
 2,692 \$ 2,414 \$ 2,285 \$ 2,038 \$ 1,556 \$ 1,430 \$ 1,041 Non-accrual loans (1) \$ 0.0 \$ 0.0 \$ 0.0 \$ 0.0 \$ 0.0 \$ 0.0 \$0.0  
 \$0.0 Net charge-offs (recoveries) Floor Plan \$ 0.0 \$ 0.0 \$ 0.0 \$ 0.0 \$ 0.0 \$ 0.0 \$ 0.0 \$ 0.0 Other commercial 0.0 (0.1)  
 (0.1) (0.7) 0.0 0.0 0.8 0.2 Commercial Lending to Auto Dealerships End of period balances (1) For the year ended



New and Used Vehicle Unit Sales (1) Loan Volume Driven by Auto Replacement Cycle (1) Sources: Adesa; CNW Research (MMs)

2016 U.S. Outlook – Used Vehicle Market Solid U.S economy, but an election year and global issues translate into uncertainty Solid new vehicle sales, estimated at approximately 17 million Wholesale vehicle supply growing overall (approximately 5% YOY) and in all segments: Rental: modest growth Off-lease: significant growth Repo: modest growth Commercial Fleet: modest growth Dealer consignment: flat Wholesale prices soften approximately 3% YOY Monthly payment gap of \$134 between new and used vehicle financings is the highest in 5 years, leading to increased used vehicle demand

Net Charge-offs vs. Expected Cumulative Loss Historical Auto Credit Trends

Average Loan-to-Value and Average FICO Historical Auto Origination Trends

Attracting High Quality, Experienced Teams Drives Opportunistic Expansion Current new market selection: Market turmoil must exist, will not compete solely on price Ability to quickly build a strong local team - proven, highly qualified and experienced talent must be available Only one time zone removed from collections, back office, and management Dealer selection, require a full relationship where service matters Ability to maintain credit quality without moving down spectrum Recent market expansions: 2015 Illinois, North Dakota, and South Dakota 2013 Iowa and Connecticut 2011 Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Tennessee 2010 Eastern Pennsylvania and New England

Auto delinquencies / charge-offs performed materially better than mortgages in last down turn Can't drive their home to work; can live in vehicle Vehicles are easier to repossess / sell and easier for purchaser to finance Vehicle is moveable / transportable, allowing recovery to be maximized; recovery on home is subject to existing local market conditions Sub-Prime Auto vs Sub-Prime Mortgage