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# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

**WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549** 

## **FORM 10-Q**

(Mark One)

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

For the quarterly period ended March 31, 2012

OR

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

For the transition period from

to

Commission File Number: 001-16123

# NEWTEK BUSINESS SERVICES, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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New York (State or other jurisdiction of

11-3504638 (I.R.S. Employer

incorporation or organization)

**Identification No.)** 

212 West 35<sup>th</sup> Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, New York, NY (Address of principal executive offices)

10001 (Zip Code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (212) 356-9500

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant: (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the past 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports) and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes x No "

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate website, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (Section 232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes x No "

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).

Large accelerated filer " Accelerated filer "

Non-accelerated filer "Smaller reporting company Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes "No x

As of May 10, 2012, there were 35,967,807 of the Company s Common Shares outstanding.

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## Item 1. Financial Information.

## NEWTEK BUSINESS SERVICES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

## CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME (UNAUDITED)

## FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2012 AND 2011

(In Thousands, except for Per Share Data)

	2012	2011
Operating revenues	\$ 30,729	\$ 30,523
Net change in fair value of:	(0.1)	(4.4=0)
SBA loans	(94)	(1,172)
Credits in lieu of cash and notes payable in credits in lieu of cash	36	75
	(50)	(1.005)
Total net change in fair value	(58)	(1,097)
Operating expenses:		
Electronic payment processing costs	16,881	17,096
Salaries and benefits	5,676	5,179
Interest	837	1,055
Depreciation and amortization	801	1,030
Provision for loan losses	110	13
Other general and administrative costs	4,261	4,219
Total operating expenses	28,566	28,592
	2.105	024
Income before income taxes	2,105	834
Provision for income taxes	796	356
Net income	1,309	478
Net (income) loss attributable to non-controlling interests	(6)	31
Net income attributable to Newtek Business Services, Inc.	\$ 1,303	\$ 509
Weighted average common shares outstanding basic	35,779	35,676
Weighted average common shares outstanding basic	33,119	55,070
Weighted average common charge outstanding diluted	26 102	26 106
Weighted average common shares outstanding diluted	36,193	36,196
	Φ 0.04	Φ 0.01
Earnings per share basic and diluted	\$ 0.04	\$ 0.01

 $See\ accompanying\ notes\ to\ these\ unaudited\ condensed\ consolidated\ financial\ statements.$ 

## NEWTEK BUSINESS SERVICES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

## CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

## MARCH 31, 2012 AND DECEMBER 31, 2011

(In Thousands, except for Per Share Data)

	March 31, 2012 Unaudited		<b>2011</b> (Note 1)
<u>ASSETS</u>			
Cash and cash equivalents (includes \$2,850 and \$0, respectively, related to VIE)	\$ 15,341	\$	11,363
Restricted cash	7,307		14,066
Broker receivable	13,923		4,911
SBA loans held for investment, net (includes \$14,671 and \$15,217, respectively, related to securitization trust			
VIE; net of reserve for loan losses of \$2,814 and \$2,900, respectively)	17,871		18,555
SBA loans held for investment, at fair value (includes \$24,005 and \$19,617, respectively, related to			
securitization trust VIE)	27,226		21,857
Accounts receivable (net of allowance of \$454 and \$308, respectively)	12,503		10,493
SBA loans held for sale, at fair value	2,642		2,198
Prepaid expenses and other assets, net (includes \$1,259 and \$1,211, respectively, related to securitization trust			
VIE)	8,298		11,762
Servicing asset (net of accumulated amortization and allowances of \$6,152 and \$5,964, respectively)	3,609		3,420
Fixed assets (net of accumulated depreciation and amortization of \$12,645 and \$16,463, respectively)	2,867		2,853
Intangible assets (net of accumulated amortization of \$13,443 and \$13,226, respectively)	1,230		1,420
Credits in lieu of cash	14,485		16,948
Goodwill	12,092		12,092
Deferred tax asset, net	936		72
Total assets  LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$ 140,330	\$	132,010
Liabilities:			
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 13,859	\$	14,196
Bank notes payable	21,586	Ψ	13,565
Note payable Securitization trust	25,400		26,368
Deferred revenue	1,490		1,634
Notes payable in credits in lieu of cash	14,485		16,948
rotes payable in credits in neu of cash	14,403		10,740
Total liabilities	76,820		72,711
Commitments and contingencies			
Equity:			
Newtek Business Services, Inc. shareholders equity:			
Preferred shares (par value \$0.02 per share; authorized 1,000 shares, no shares issued and outstanding)			
Common shares (par value \$0.02 per share; authorized 54,000 shares, 36,701 issued; 35,914 and 35,702			
outstanding, respectively, not including 83 shares held in escrow)	738		734
Additional paid-in capital	58,199		57,960
Retained earnings	2,814		45
Treasury shares, at cost (999 shares)	(620)		(620)
Total Newtek Business Services, Inc. shareholders equity	61.131		58.119

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Non-controlling interests	2,379	1,180
Total equity	63,510	59,299
Total liabilities and equity	\$ 140,330	\$ 132,010

See accompanying notes to these unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

## NEWTEK BUSINESS SERVICES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

## CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (UNAUDITED)

## FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2012 AND 2011

## (In Thousands)

	2012	2011
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Consolidated net income	\$ 1,309	\$ 478
Adjustments to reconcile consolidated net income to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities:		
Income from tax credits	(191)	(313)
Accretion of interest expense	227	388
Fair value adjustments on SBA loans	94	1,172
Fair value adjustment of credits in lieu of cash and notes payable in credits in lieu of cash	(36)	(75)
Deferred income taxes	(864)	(240)
Depreciation and amortization	801	1,030
Provision for loan losses	110	13
Other, net	225	90
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Originations of SBA loans held for sale	(18,683)	(15,852)
Originations of SBA loans transferred, subject to premium recourse		(274)
Proceeds from sale of SBA loans held for sale	18,287	12,217
Proceeds from sale of SBA loans, achieving sale status		13,050
Liability on SBA loans transferred, subject to premium recourse		(14,571)
Broker receivable	(9,013)	7,977
Accounts receivable	(2,012)	(823)
Prepaid expenses, accrued interest receivable and other assets	3,488	(708)
Accounts payable, accrued expenses and deferred revenue	(487)	(144)
Other, net	186	(600)
Net cash (used in) provided by operating activities	(6,559)	2,815
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Return of investments in qualified businesses	100	111
Purchase of fixed assets and customer merchant accounts	(439)	(375)
SBA loans originated for investment, net	(5,838)	(3,158)
Payments received on SBA loans	946	947
Change in restricted cash	1,525	1,076
Purchase of non-controlling interest		(200)
Net cash used in investing activities	(3,706)	(1,599)

See accompanying notes to these unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

## NEWTEK BUSINESS SERVICES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

## CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (UNAUDITED)

## FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2012 AND 2011 (CONTINUED)

	2012	2011
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Net proceeds on bank lines of credit	\$ 8,125	\$ 691
Increase in cash due to consolidation of subsidiary	2,763	
Net repayments on bank term note payable	(104)	(104)
Change in restricted cash due to debt refinancing		(750)
Change in restricted cash related to securitization	4,673	3,058
Payments on senior notes	(1,021)	(664)
Other	(193)	22
Net cash provided by financing activities	14,243	2,253
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	3,978	3,469
Cash and cash equivalents beginning of period	11,363	10,382
Cash and cash equivalents end of period	\$ 15,341	\$ 13,851
Supplemental disclosure of cash flow activities:		
Reduction of credits in lieu of cash and notes payable in credits in lieu of cash balances due to delivery of tax credits to Certified Investors	\$ 3,069	\$ 6,875
Addition (reduction) to assets and liabilities on January 1, 2012 as a result of consolidation of interests in Exponential of New York, LLC		
Assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,763	\$
Liabilities and equity:		
Accounts payable	\$ 7	
Non-controlling interests	(1,000)	
Additional paid in capital	2,397	
Retained earnings	1,359	
Total liabilities and equity	\$ 2,763	\$
Additions to additional paid in capital (reduction in non-controlling interest) for warrants previously attributable to		
non- controlling interests	\$ 330	\$
Additions to non-controlling interests as a result of consolidation of majority owned subsidiary	\$ 2,290	\$

See accompanying notes to these unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

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## **NEWTEK BUSINESS SERVICES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**

## NOTES TO UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### NOTE 1 DESCRIPTION OF BUSINESS AND BASIS OF PRESENTATION:

Newtek Business Services, Inc. (Newtek or the Company) is a holding company for several wholly- and majority-owned subsidiaries, including twelve certified capital companies which are referred to as Capcos, and several portfolio companies in which the Capcos own non-controlling or minority interests. The Company provides a one-stop-shop for business services to the small- and medium-sized business market and uses state of the art web-based proprietary technology to be a low cost acquirer and provider of products and services. The Company partners with companies, credit unions, and associations to offer its services.

The Company s principal business segments are:

**Electronic Payment Processing:** Marketing third party credit card processing and check approval services to the small- and medium-sized business market under the name of Newtek Merchant Solutions.

Managed Technology Solutions: CrystalTech Web Hosting, Inc., d/b/a Newtek Technology Services ( NTS ), offers shared and dedicated web hosting, data storage and backup services, cloud computing plans and related services to the small- and medium-sized business market.

**Small Business Finance:** The segment is comprised of Newtek Small Business Finance, Inc. ( NSBF ), a nationally licensed, U.S. Small Business Administration ( SBA ) lender that originates, sells and services loans to qualifying small businesses, which are partially guaranteed by the SBA and CDS Business Services, Inc. d/b/a Newtek Business Credit ( NBC ) which provides receivable financing and management services.

**All Other:** Businesses formed from investments made through Capco programs and others which cannot be aggregated with other operating segments, including insurance and payroll processing.

Corporate Activities: Corporate implements business strategy, directs marketing, provides technology oversight and guidance, coordinates and integrates activities of the segments, contracts with alliance partners, acquires customer opportunities, and owns our proprietary NewTracker referral system. This segment includes revenue and expenses not allocated to other segments, including interest income, Capco management fee income and corporate operations expenses.

**Capco:** Twelve certified capital companies which invest in small- and medium-sized businesses. They generate non-cash income from tax credits and non-cash interest expense and insurance expenses in addition to cash management fees.

The condensed consolidated financial statements of Newtek Business Services, Inc., its subsidiaries and consolidated entities included herein have been prepared by the Company in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and include all wholly- and majority-owned subsidiaries, and several portfolio companies in which the Capcos own non-controlling minority interest in, or those variable interest entities of which Newtek is considered to be the primary beneficiary. All inter-company balances and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation. Non-controlling interests (previously shown as minority interest) are reported below net income (loss) under the heading. Net loss attributable to non-controlling interests in the unaudited condensed consolidated statements of income and shown as a component of equity in the condensed consolidated balance sheets. See New Accounting Standards in Note 2 for further discussion.

The Company determined that it was the primary beneficiary of an affiliated company, Exponential of New York, LLC (Expo), resulting from an ownership change pursuant to operation of the LLC agreement and its ability to direct the activities of Expo that most significantly impact the entity—s economic performance. The Company now includes Expo as a consolidated variable interest entity effective January 2012. The Company holds a 39% interest in Expo; the remaining 61% is held by non-affiliates and is accounted for as non-controlling interest. As a result of the consolidation, a cumulative effect adjustment to equity was required to recognize the previously recognized interest in the newly consolidated subsidiary. In addition, the Company—s opening cash and accounts payable increased by \$2,763,000 and \$7,000, respectively, reflecting the opening balance of Expo—s assets and liabilities. The opening equity was adjusted as follows:

Number Common Additional Retained Number Treasury Non-controlling Total Shares Paid-in Earnings of Shares Interest

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	Common Shares	(a	t par)	Capital		Treasury Shares			
Balance at December 31, 2011	36,701	\$	734	\$ 57,960	\$ 45	999	\$ (620)	\$ 1,180	\$ 59,299
Cumulative effect adjustment to opening equity as a result of Expo consolidation					1,466			2,290	3,756
Adjusted Balance at January 1, 2012	36,701	\$	734	\$ 57,960	\$ 1,511	999	\$ (620)	\$ 3,470	\$ 63,055

The accompanying notes to unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with Newtek s 2011 Annual Report on Form 10-K. These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with instructions to Form 10-Q and Article 10 of Regulation S-X and, therefore, omit or condense certain footnotes and other information normally included in financial statements prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. In the opinion of management, all adjustments, consisting of normal recurring items, considered necessary for a fair presentation have been included. The results of operations for an interim period may not give a true indication of the results for the entire year. The December 31, 2011 condensed consolidated balance sheet has been derived from the audited financial statements of that date but does not include all disclosures required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

All financial information included in the tables in the following footnotes is stated in thousands, except per share data.

## NOTE 2 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

## Use of Estimates

The preparation of consolidated financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the consolidated financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenue and expense during the reporting period. The level of uncertainty in estimates and assumptions increases with the length of time until the underlying transactions are complete. The most significant estimates are with respect to valuation of investments in qualified businesses, asset impairment valuation, allowance for loan losses, valuation of servicing assets, charge-back reserves, tax valuation allowances and the fair value measurements used to value certain financial assets and financial liabilities. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

During the quarter ended March 31, 2012, the Company revised its estimate for the amortization period of the servicing asset. Please see Note 5 for a full discussion.

## Revenue Recognition

The Company operates in a number of different segments. Revenues are recognized as services are rendered and are summarized as follows:

**Electronic payment processing revenue:** Electronic payment processing and fee income is derived from the electronic processing of credit and debit card transactions that are authorized and captured through third-party networks. Typically, merchants are charged for these processing services on a percentage of the dollar amount of each transaction plus a flat fee per transaction. Certain merchant customers are charged miscellaneous fees, including fees for handling charge-backs or returns, monthly minimum fees, statement fees and fees for other miscellaneous services. Revenues derived from the electronic processing of MasterCard® and Visa® sourced credit and debit card transactions are reported gross of amounts paid to sponsor banks.

Web hosting revenue: Managed technology solutions revenue is primarily derived from monthly recurring service fees for the use of its web hosting, web design and software support services. Customer set-up fees are billed upon service initiation and are recognized as revenue over the estimated customer relationship period of 2.5 years. Payment for web hosting and related services, excluding cloud plans, is generally received one month to one year in advance. Deferred revenues represent customer payments for web hosting and related services in advance of the reporting period date. Revenue for cloud related services is based on actual consumption used by a cloud customer.

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Income from tax credits: Following an application process, a state will notify a company that it has been certified as a Capco. The state or jurisdiction then allocates an aggregate dollar amount of tax credits to the Capco. However, such amount is neither recognized as income nor otherwise recorded in the financial statements since it has yet to be earned by the Capco. The Capco is entitled to earn tax credits upon satisfying defined investment percentage thresholds within specified time requirements. Newtek has Capcos in seven states and the District of Columbia. Each statute requires that the Capco invest a threshold percentage of certified capital (the funds provided by the insurance company investors) in businesses defined as qualified within the time frames specified. As the Capco meets these requirements, it avoids grounds under the statute for its disqualification for continued participation in the Capco program. Such a disqualification, or decertification as a Capco results in a permanent recapture of all or a portion of the allocated tax credits. The proportion of the possible recapture is reduced over time as the Capco remains in general compliance with the program rules and meets the progressively increasing investment benchmarks. As the Capco progresses in its investments in Qualified Businesses and, accordingly, places an increasing proportion of the tax credits beyond recapture, it earns an amount equal to the non-recapturable tax credits and records such amount as income, with a corresponding asset called credits in lieu of cash in the balance sheet.

The amount earned and recorded as income is determined by multiplying the total amount of tax credits allocated to the Capco by the percentage of tax credits immune from recapture (the earned income percentage) at that point. To the extent that the investment requirements are met ahead of schedule, and the percentage of non-recapturable tax credits is accelerated, the present value of the tax credit earned is recognized currently and the asset, credits in lieu of cash, is accreted up to the amount of tax credits deliverable to the certified investors. The obligation to deliver tax credits to the certified investors is recorded as notes payable in credits in lieu of cash. On the date the tax credits are utilizable by the certified investors, the Capco decreases credits in lieu of cash with a corresponding decrease to notes payable in credits in lieu of cash.

Sales and Servicing of SBA Loans: NSBF originates loans to customers under the SBA program that generally provides for SBA guarantees of 50% to 75% of each loan, subject to a maximum guarantee amount. This guaranteed portion is generally sold to a third party via an SBA regulated secondary market transaction utilizing SBA Form 1086 for a price equal to the guaranteed loan amount plus a premium that includes both an upfront cash payment and the fair value of future net servicing income, and NSBF retains the unguaranteed principal portion in its own portfolio. Prior to October 1, 2010, NSBF recognized the revenue item Premium on loan sales net of capitalized loan expenses and the discount on the retained unguaranteed portion; subsequent to the adoption of fair value of SBA 7(a) loans on October 1, 2010, NSBF recognizes premium on loan sales as equal to the cash premium plus the fair value of the servicing income. Revenue is recognized on the trade date of the guaranteed portion, except as described below.

Upon recognition of each loan sale, the Company retains servicing responsibilities and receives servicing fees of a minimum of 1% of the guaranteed loan portion sold. The Company is required to estimate its adequate servicing compensation in the calculation of its servicing asset. The purchasers of the loans sold have no recourse to the Company for failure of customers to pay amounts contractually due.

Subsequent measurements of each class of servicing assets and liabilities may use either the amortization method or the fair value measurement method. NSBF has chosen to apply the amortization method to its servicing asset, amortizing the asset in proportion to, and over the period of, the estimated future net servicing income on the underlying sold guaranteed portion of the loans and assessing the servicing asset for impairment based on fair value at each reporting date. In the event future prepayments are significant or impairments are incurred and future expected cash flows are inadequate to cover the unamortized servicing assets, additional amortization or impairment charges would be recognized. In evaluating and measuring impairment of servicing assets, NSBF stratifies its servicing assets based on year of loan and loan term which are the key risk characteristics of the underlying loan pools. The Company uses an independent valuation specialist to estimate the fair value of the servicing asset by calculating the present value of estimated future net servicing cash flows, using assumptions of prepayments, defaults, servicing costs and discount rates that NSBF believes market participants would use for similar assets. If NSBF determines that the impairment for a stratum is temporary, a valuation allowance is recognized through a charge to current earnings for the amount the amortized balance exceeds the current fair value. If the fair value of the stratum were to later increase, the valuation allowance may be reduced as a recovery. However, if NSBF determines that impairment for a stratum is other than temporary, the value of the servicing asset and any related valuation allowance is written-down.

Interest and SBA Loan Fees: Interest income on loans is recognized as earned. Loans are placed on non-accrual status if they exceed 90 days past due with respect to principal or interest and, in the opinion of management, interest or principal on individual loans is not collectible, or at such earlier time as management determines that the collectability of such principal or interest is unlikely. Such loans are designated as impaired non-accrual loans. All other loans are defined as performing loans. When a loan is designated as non-accrual, the accrual of interest is discontinued, and any accrued but uncollected interest income is reversed and charged against current operations. While a loan is classified as non-accrual and the future collectability of the recorded loan balance is doubtful, collections of interest and principal are generally applied as a reduction to principal outstanding.

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The Company passes certain expenditures it incurs to the borrower, such as forced placed insurance, insufficient funds fees, or fees it assesses, such as late fees, with respect to managing the loan. These expenditures are recorded when incurred. Due to the uncertainty with respect to collection of these passed through expenditures or assessed fees, any funds received to reimburse the Company are recorded on a cash basis as other income.

**Insurance commissions:** Revenues are comprised of commissions earned on premiums paid for insurance policies and are recognized at the time the commission is earned. At that date, the earnings process has been completed and the Company can estimate the impact of policy cancellations for refunds and establish reserves. The reserve for policy cancellations is based on historical cancellation experience adjusted by known circumstances.

**Other income:** Other income represents revenues derived from operating units that cannot be aggregated with other business segments. In addition, other income represents one time recoveries or gains on investments. Revenue is recorded when there is strong evidence of an agreement, the related fees are fixed, the service and, or product has been delivered, and the collection of the related receivable is assured.

<u>Receivable fees:</u> Receivable fees are derived from the funding (purchase) of receivables from finance clients. NBC recognizes the revenue on the date the receivables are purchased at a percentage of face value as agreed to by the client. The Company also has arrangements with certain of its clients whereby it purchases the client s receivables and charges interest at a specified rate based on the amount of funds advanced against such receivables. The funds provided are collateralized and the interest income is recognized as earned.

<u>Late fees:</u> Late fees are derived from receivables NBC has purchased that have gone over a certain period (usually over 30 days) without payment. The client or the client is customer is charged a late fee according to the agreement with the client and NBC records the fees as income in the month in which such receivable becomes past due.

Billing fees: Billing fees are derived from billing-only (non-finance) clients. These fees are recorded when earned, which occurs when the service is rendered.

<u>Other fees:</u> These fees include annual fees, due diligence fees, termination fees, under minimum fees, and other fees including finance charges, supplies sold to clients, NSF fees, wire fees and administration fees. These fees are charged upon funding, takeovers or liquidation of finance clients. The Company also receives commission revenue from various sources.

The detail of total operating revenues included in the condensed consolidated statements of income is as follows:

(In thousands):	Ended	ee Months I March 31, 2012	Ended	ee Months I March 31, 2011
Electronic payment processing	\$	20,617	\$	20,087
Web hosting		4,693		4,829
Premium income		2,390		3,014
Interest income		722		725
Servicing fee income NSBF portfolio		481		365
Servicing fee income external portfolios		601		275
Income from tax credits		191		313
Insurance commissions		310		256
Other income		724		659
Totals	\$	30,729	\$	30,523

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## **Electronic Payment Processing Costs**

Electronic payment processing costs consist principally of costs directly related to the processing of merchant sales volume, including interchange fees, VISA® and MasterCard® dues and assessments, bank processing fees and costs paid to third-party processing networks. Such costs are recognized at the time the merchant transactions are processed or when the services are performed. Two of the most significant components of electronic processing expenses include interchange and assessment costs, which are set by the credit card associations. Interchange costs are passed on to the entity issuing the credit card used in the transaction and assessment costs are retained by the credit card associations. Interchange and assessment fees are billed primarily as a percent of dollar volume processed and, to a lesser extent, as a per transaction fee. In addition to costs directly related to the processing of merchant sales volume, electronic payment processing costs also include residual expenses. Residual expenses represent fees paid to third-party sales referral sources. Residual expenses are paid under various formulae as contracted. These are generally linked to revenues derived from merchants successfully referred to the Company and that begin using the Company for merchant processing services. Such residual expenses are recognized in the Company s condensed consolidated statements of income.

#### Restricted Cash

Restricted cash includes cash collateral relating to a letter of credit; monies due on SBA loan-related remittances and insurance premiums received by the Company and due to third parties; cash held by the Capcos restricted for use in managing and operating the Capco, making qualified investments and for the payment of income taxes; cash held in a pre-funding account which will be used to purchase future unguaranteed portions of SBA 7(a) loans, cash reserves and prepaid interest associated with the securitization, and a cash account maintained as a reserve against chargeback losses. Following is a summary of restricted cash by segment:

(In thousands):	Marc	h 31, 2012	Decem	ber 31, 2011
Electronic payment processing	\$	356	\$	284
Small business finance		3,886		9,107
All other		23		110
Corporate activities		1,065		1,064
Capcos		1,977		3,501
Totals	\$	7,307	\$	14,066

#### Broker Receivable

Broker receivable represents amounts due from third parties for loans which have been traded at year end but have not yet settled.

## Purchased Receivables

For clients that are assessed fees based on a discount, purchased receivables are recorded at the point in time when cash is released to the seller. For clients that are on a Prime plus fee schedule, receivables are considered purchased when the invoices are submitted to NBC. A majority of the receivables purchased have recourse and are charged back to the seller if aged over 90 or 120 days, depending on contractual agreements. Purchased receivables are included in accounts receivable on the condensed consolidated balance sheets.

## Investments in Qualified Businesses

The various interests that the Company acquires in its qualified investments are accounted for under three methods: consolidation, equity method and cost method. The applicable accounting method is generally determined based on the Company s voting interest or the economics of the transaction if the investee is determined to be a variable interest entity.

Consolidation Method. Investments in which the Company directly or indirectly owns more than 50% of the outstanding voting securities, those the Company has effective control over, or those deemed to be a variable interest entity in which the Company is the primary beneficiary are generally accounted for under the consolidation method of accounting. Under this method, an investment s financial position and results of operations are reflected within the Company s condensed consolidated financial statements. All significant inter-company accounts and transactions are eliminated, including returns of principal, dividends, interest received and investment redemptions. The results of operations and

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cash flows of a consolidated operating entity are included through the latest interim period in which the Company owned a greater than 50% direct or indirect voting interest,

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exercised control over the entity for the entire interim period or was otherwise designated as the primary beneficiary. Upon dilution of control below 50%, or upon occurrence of a triggering event requiring reconsideration as to the primary beneficiary of a variable interest entity, the accounting method is adjusted to the equity or cost method of accounting, as appropriate, for subsequent periods.

Equity Method. Investments that are not consolidated, but over which the Company exercises significant influence, are accounted for under the equity method of accounting. Whether or not the Company exercises significant influence with respect to an investee depends on an evaluation of several factors including, among others, representation on the investee s Board of Directors and ownership level, which is generally a 20% to 50% interest in the voting securities of the investee, including voting rights associated with the Company s holdings in common, preferred and other convertible instruments in the investee. Under the equity method of accounting, an investee s accounts are not reflected within the Company s condensed consolidated financial statements; however, the Company s share of the earnings or losses of the investee is reflected in the Company s condensed consolidated financial statements.

Cost Method. Investments not accounted for under the consolidation or the equity method of accounting are accounted for under the cost method of accounting. Under this method, the Company s share of the net earnings or losses of such investments is not included in the Company s condensed consolidated financial statements. However, cost method impairment charges are recognized, as necessary, in the Company s condensed consolidated financial statements. If circumstances suggest that the value of the investee has subsequently recovered, such recovery is not recorded until ultimately liquidated or realized.

The Company s debt and equity investments have substantially been made with funds available to Newtek through the Capco programs. These programs generally require that each Capco meet a minimum investment benchmark within five years of initial funding. In addition, any funds received by a Capco as a result of a debt repayment or equity return may, under the terms of the Capco programs, be reinvested and counted towards the Capcos minimum investment benchmarks.

## Securitization Activities

NSBF engaged in two securitization transactions of the unguaranteed portions of its SBA 7(a) loans in 2010 and 2011. Because the transfer of these assets to the Newtek Small Business Loan Trust 2010-1 (the Trust ), a variable interest entity (VIE), did not meet the criteria of a sale, it was treated as a secured borrowing. NSBF continues to recognize the assets of the VIE in loans held for investment and the associated financing of the VIE in notes payable on the accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheets.

The liabilities recognized as a result of consolidating the VIE do not represent additional claims on the Company s general assets; rather, they represent claims against the specific assets of the VIE. Conversely, assets recognized as a result of consolidating the VIE do not represent additional assets that could be used to satisfy claims against the Company s general assets. All of the assets and the liabilities of the VIE are presented parenthetically on the accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheets.

#### Share - Based Compensation

All share-based payments to employees are recognized in the financial statements based on their fair values using an option-pricing model at the date of grant. The Company recognizes compensation on a straight-line basis over the requisite service period for the entire award. The Company has elected to adopt the alternative transition method for calculating the tax effects of share-based compensation. The alternative transition method includes a simplified method to establish the beginning balance of the additional paid-in capital pool related to the tax effects of employee share-based compensation, which is available to absorb tax deficiencies.

#### Fair Value

The Company adopted the methods of fair value to value its financial assets and liabilities. The Company carries its credits in lieu of cash, prepaid insurance and notes payable in credits in lieu of cash at fair value. In addition, the Company elected on October 1, 2010 to fair value its SBA loans held for investment and SBA loans held for sale. The Company also carries impaired loans and other real estate owned at fair value. Fair value is based on the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. In order to increase consistency and comparability in fair value measurements, the Company utilized a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes observable and unobservable inputs used to measure fair value into three broad levels, which are described below:

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- Level 1 Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities. Level 1 assets and liabilities include debt and equity securities and derivative contracts that are traded in an active exchange market, as well as certain U.S. Treasury, other U.S. Government and agency mortgage-backed debt securities that are highly liquid and are actively traded in over-the-counter markets.
- Level 2 Observable inputs other than Level 1 prices, such as quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities; quoted prices in markets that are not active; or other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data for substantially the full term of the assets or liabilities. Level 2 assets and liabilities include debt securities with quoted prices that are traded less frequently than exchange-traded instruments and derivative contracts whose value is determined using a pricing model with inputs that are observable in the market or can be derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data. This category generally includes certain U.S. Government and agency mortgage-backed debt securities, corporate debt securities, derivative contracts and residential mortgage loans held-for-sale.
- Level 3 Unobservable inputs that are supported by little or no market activity and that are significant to the fair value of the assets or liabilities. Level 3 assets and liabilities include financial instruments whose value is determined using pricing models, discounted cash flow methodologies, or similar techniques, as well as instruments for which the determination of fair value requires significant management judgment or estimation. This category generally includes certain private equity investments, retained residual interests in securitizations, residential mortgage servicing rights, and highly structured or long-term derivative contracts.

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#### Income Taxes

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are computed based upon the differences between the financial statement and income tax basis of assets and liabilities using the enacted tax rates in effect for the year in which those temporary differences are expected to be realized or settled. If available evidence suggests that it is more likely than not that some portion or all of the deferred tax assets will not be realized, a valuation allowance is required to reduce the deferred tax assets to the amount that is more likely than not to be realized.

The Company s U.S. Federal and state income tax returns prior to fiscal year 2007 are closed and management continually evaluates expiring statutes of limitations, audits, proposed settlements, changes in tax law and new authoritative rulings.

## Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes

The ultimate deductibility of positions taken or expected to be taken on tax returns is often uncertain. In order to recognize the benefits associated with a tax position taken (i.e., generally a deduction on a corporation s tax return), the entity must conclude that the ultimate allowability of the deduction is more likely than not. If the ultimate allowability of the tax position exceeds 50% (i.e., it is more likely than not), the benefit associated with the position is recognized at the largest dollar amount that has more than a 50% likelihood of being realized upon ultimate settlement. Differences between tax positions taken in a tax return and recognized will generally result in (1) an increase in income taxes currently payable or a reduction in an income tax refund receivable or (2) an increase in a deferred tax liability or a decrease in a deferred tax asset, or both (1) and (2).

#### Concentration of Credit Risk

Financial instruments that potentially subject the Company to a concentration of credit risk consist of cash, cash equivalents and accounts receivable. The Company maintains its cash and cash equivalents with major financial institutions and at times, cash balances with any one financial institution may exceed Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) insured limits.

The Company sells its services to businesses throughout the United States. The Company performs ongoing credit evaluations of its customers financial condition and, generally, requires collateral, such as accounts receivable and/or other assets of the client, whenever deemed necessary. For the three months ended March 31, 2012 and 2011, no single customer accounted for 10% or more of the Company s revenue or of total accounts receivable at March 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011.

## Fair Value of Financial Instruments

As required by the Financial Instruments Topic of the FASB ASC, the estimated fair values of financial instruments must be disclosed. Excluding fixed assets, intangible assets, goodwill, and prepaid expenses and other assets (excluding as noted below), substantially all of the Company s assets and liabilities are considered financial instruments as defined under this standard. Fair value estimates are subjective in nature and are dependent on a number of significant assumptions associated with each instrument or group of similar instruments, including estimates of discount rates, risks associated with specific financial instruments, estimates of future cash flows and relevant available market information.

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The carrying values of the following balance sheet items approximate their fair values primarily due to their liquidity and short-term or adjustable-yield nature:

Cash and cash equivalents

Restricted cash

Broker receivable

Accounts receivable

Notes payable

Accrued interest receivable (included in prepaid expenses and other assets)

Accrued interest payable (included in accounts payable and accrued expenses)

Accounts payable and accrued expenses

The carrying value of investments in Qualified Businesses (included in prepaid expenses and other assets), credits in lieu of cash and notes payable in credits in lieu of cash as well as SBA loans held for investment and, SBA loans held for sale, approximate fair value based on management s estimates.

## New Accounting Standards

In January 2011, the FASB issued ASU No. 2011-01, Deferral of the Effective Date of Disclosures about Troubled Debt Restructurings in Update No. 2010-20, which defers the effective date related to the disclosures required in ASU No. 2010-20, enabling creditors to provide such disclosures after the FASB completes their project clarifying the guidance for determining what constitutes a troubled debt restructuring. As the provisions of this ASU only defer the effective date of disclosure requirements related to troubled debt restructurings, the adoption of this ASU had no impact on the Company s condensed consolidated statements of income and balance sheets.

In May 2011, the FASB issued ASU No. 2011-04, Amendments to Achieve Common Fair Value Measurement and Disclosure Requirements in U.S. GAAP and IFRSs, which amends the current fair value measurement and disclosure guidance of ASC Topic 820 Fair Value Measurement to include increased transparency around valuation inputs and investment categorization. The guidance provided in ASU No. 2011-04 is effective prospectively for interim and annual periods beginning after December 15, 2011. The impact of adoption was not material to the Company s results of operations or financial position; additional disclosures required by this standard are located in Note 3 Fair Value Measurements.

In September 2011, the FASB issued ASU No. 2011-08, Intangibles - Goodwill and Other (Topic 350), to allow entities to use a qualitative approach to test goodwill for impairment and permit an entity to first perform a qualitative assessment to determine whether it is more likely than not that the fair value of a reporting unit is less than its carrying value. If it is concluded that this is the case, it is necessary to perform the currently prescribed two-step goodwill impairment test. Otherwise, the two-step goodwill impairment test is not required. This standard was effective for interim and annual reporting periods beginning on or after December 15, 2011, and has not had a material impact on the Company s condensed consolidated statements of income and balance sheets.

## Reclassifications

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Certain prior year immaterial amounts have been reclassified to conform to current year presentation.

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#### NOTE 3 FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS:

## **Fair Value Option Elections**

Effective January 1, 2008, the Company adopted fair value accounting concurrent with the election of the fair value option. The accounting standard relating to the fair value measurements clarifies the definition of fair value and describes methods available to appropriately measure fair value in accordance with GAAP. The accounting standard applies whenever other accounting standards require or permit fair value measurements. The accounting standard relating to the fair value option for financial assets and financial liabilities allows entities to irrevocably elect fair value as the initial and subsequent measurement attribute for certain financial assets and financial liabilities that are not otherwise required to be measured at fair value, with changes in fair value recognized in earnings as they occur. It also establishes presentation and disclosure requirements designed to improve comparability between entities that elect different measurement attributes for similar assets and liabilities.

On January 1, 2008, the Company elected the fair value option for valuing its Capcos credits in lieu of cash, notes payable in credits in lieu of cash and prepaid insurance.

On October 1, 2010, the Company elected the fair value option for valuing its SBA 7(a) loans funded on or after that date which are included in SBA loans held for investment and SBA loans held for sale.

The Company elected the fair value option in order to reflect in its financial statements the assumptions that market participants use in evaluating these financial instruments.

## Fair Value Option Election Credits in Lieu of Cash, Prepaid Insurance and Notes Payable in Credits in Lieu of Cash

Under the cost basis of accounting, the discount rates used to calculate the present value of the credits in lieu of cash and notes payable in credits in lieu of cash did not reflect the credit enhancements that the Company s Capcos obtained from Chartis, Inc. ( Chartis ) (the renamed property and casualty holdings of American International Group, Inc., AIG ), namely its AA+ rating at such time, for their debt issued to certified investors. Instead the cost paid for the credit enhancements was recorded as prepaid insurance and amortized on a straight-line basis over the term of the credit enhancements.

With the adoption of the fair value measurement of financial assets and financial liabilities and the election of the fair value option, credits in lieu of cash and notes payable in credits in lieu of cash are valued based on the yields at which financial instruments would change hands between a willing buyer and a willing seller when the former is not under any compulsion to buy and the latter is not under any compulsion to sell, both parties having reasonable knowledge of relevant facts. The accounting standards require the fair value of the assets or liabilities to be determined based on the assumptions that market participants use in pricing the financial instrument. In developing those assumptions, the Company identified characteristics that distinguish market participants generally, and considered factors specific to (a) the asset type, (b) the principal (or most advantageous) market for the asset group, and (c) market participants with whom the reporting entity would transact in that market.

Based on the aforementioned characteristics and in view of the Chartis credit enhancements, the Company believes that market participants purchasing or selling its Capcos debt, and therefore its credits in lieu of cash and notes payable in credits in lieu of cash, view nonperformance risk to be equal to the risk of Chartis nonperformance risk and as such both the fair value of credits in lieu of cash and notes payable in credits in lieu of cash should be priced to yield a rate equal to comparable U.S. Dollar denominated debt instruments issued by Chartis parent, AIG. Because the value of notes payable in credits in lieu of cash directly reflects the credit enhancement obtained from Chartis, the unamortized cost relating to the credit enhancement will cease to be separately carried as an asset on Company s condensed consolidated balance sheets and is incorporated in notes payable in credits in lieu of cash.

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Assets and Liabilities Measured at Fair Value on a Recurring Basis as of March 31, 2012 are as follows (in thousands):

	Fair Value Measurements Using:						
	Total	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total Gains and Losses		
Assets:	7000	20.011	20,012	20,013	203565		
Credits in lieu of cash	\$ 14,485	\$	\$ 14,485	\$	\$		
Liabilities:							
Notes payable in credits in lieu of cash	\$ 14,485	\$	\$ 14,485	\$	\$		

Assets and Liabilities Measured at Fair Value on a Recurring Basis as of December 31, 2011 are as follows (in thousands):

	Fair				
	Total	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total Gains and Losses
Assets:					
Credits in lieu of cash	\$ 16,948	\$	\$ 16,948	\$	\$
Liabilities:					
Notes payable in credits in lieu of cash	\$ 16,948	\$	\$ 16,948	\$	\$

## Credits in lieu of cash and Notes payable in credits in lieu of cash

The Company elected to account for both credits in lieu of cash and notes payable in credits in lieu of cash at fair value in order to reflect in its condensed consolidated financial statements the assumptions that market participant s use in evaluating these financial instruments.

## **Fair value measurements:**

The Company s Capcos debt, enhanced by Chartis insurance, effectively bears the nonperformance risk of Chartis. The closest trading comparators are the debt of Chartis parent, AIG. Therefore the Company calculates the fair value of both the credits in lieu of cash and notes payable in credits in lieu of cash using the yields of various AIG notes with similar maturities to each of the Company s respective Capcos debt (the Chartis Note Basket ). The Company elected to discontinue utilizing AIG s 7.70% Series A-5 Junior Subordinated Debentures because those long maturity notes began to trade with characteristics of a preferred stock after AIG received financing from the United States Government. The Company considers the Chartis Note Basket a Level 2 input under fair value accounting, since it is a quoted yield for a similar liability that is traded in an active exchange market. The Company selected the Chartis Note Basket as the most representative of the nonperformance risk associated with the Capco notes because they are Chartis issued notes, are actively traded and because maturities match credits in lieu of cash and notes payable in credits in lieu of cash.

After calculating the fair value of both the credits in lieu of cash and notes payable in credits in lieu of cash, the Company compares their values. This calculation is done on a quarterly basis. Calculation differences primarily due to tax credit receipt versus delivery timing may cause the value of the credits in lieu of cash to differ from that of the notes payable in credits in lieu of cash. Because the credits in lieu of cash asset has the single purpose of paying the notes payable in credits in lieu of cash and has no other value to the Company, Newtek determined that the credits in lieu of cash should equal the notes payable in credits in lieu of cash.

On December 31, 2011, the yield on the Chartis Note Basket was 5.53%. As of March 31, 2012, the date the Company revalued the asset and liability, the yields on the Chartis notes averaged 3.54% reflecting changes in interest rates in the marketplace. This decrease in yield decreased both the fair value of the credits in lieu of cash and the fair value of the notes payable in credits in lieu of cash. The Company decreased the

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value of the credits in lieu of cash to equal the value of the notes payable in credits in lieu of cash because the credits in lieu of cash can only be used to satisfy the liability and must equal the value of the notes payable in credits in lieu of cash at all times. The net change in fair value reported in the Company s condensed consolidated statements of income for the three months ended March 31, 2012 was a gain of \$36,000.

On December 31, 2010, the yield on the Chartis Note Basket was 4.38%. As of March 31, 2011, the date the Company revalued the asset and liability, the yields on the Chartis notes averaged 4.39% reflecting changes in interest rates in the marketplace. This increase in yield increased both the fair value of the credits in lieu of cash and the fair value of the notes payable in credits in lieu of cash. The Company decreased the value of the credits in lieu of cash to equal the value of the notes payable in credits in lieu of cash because the credits in lieu of cash can only be used to satisfy the liability and must equal the value of the notes payable in credits in lieu of cash at all times. The net change in fair value reported in the Company s condensed consolidated statements of income for the three months ended March 31, 2011 was a gain of \$75,000.

Changes in the future yield of the Chartis Note Basket will result in changes to the fair values of the credits in lieu of cash and notes payable in credits in lieu of cash when calculated for future periods; these changes will be reported through the Company s condensed consolidated statements of income.

## Fair Value Option Election SBA 7(a) Loans

On October 1, 2010, the Company elected to utilize the fair value option for SBA 7(a) loans funded on or after that date. Management believed that doing so would promote its effort to both simplify and make more transparent its financial statements by better portraying the true economic value of this asset on its balance sheet and statement of income. NSBF originates, funds, and services government guaranteed loans under section 7(a) of the Small Business Act. The SBA does not fully guarantee the SBA 7(a) Loans: An SBA 7(a) Loan is bifurcated into a guaranteed portion and an unguaranteed portion, each accruing interest on the principal balance of such portion at a per annum rate in effect from time to time. NSBF originates variable interest loans, usually set at a fixed index to the Prime rate that resets quarterly. Primarily, NSBF has made SBA 7(a) loans carrying guarantees of 75% and 85%; from 2009 through early 2011 under a special program, most of the loans NSBF originated carried a guarantee of 90%. NSBF, both historically and as a matter of its business plan, sells the guaranteed portions via SBA Form 1086 into the secondary market when the guaranteed portion becomes available for sale upon the closing and fully funding of the SBA 7(a) loan and retains the unguaranteed portions. Management recognized that the economic value in the guaranteed portion did not inure to NSBF at the time of their sale but rather when the guaranty attached at origination; amortization accounting by its nature does not recognize this increase in value at the true time when it occurred. Under the fair value option, the value of the guarantee is recorded when it economically occurs at the point of the creation of the loan, and is not delayed until when the sale occurs. Contemporaneously, the value of the unguaranteed portion will also be determined to reflect the full, fair value of the loan.

Although the fair value election is for the entire SBA 7(a) loan, the Company primarily sells the guaranteed portions at the completion of funding. The need to record the fair value for the guaranteed portion of the loan will primarily occur when a guaranteed portion is not traded at period end (SBA loans held for sale). The unguaranteed portion retained is recorded under SBA loans held for investment.

## SBA Loans Held for Investment

For loans that completed funding before October 1, 2010, SBA loans held for investment are reported at their outstanding unpaid principal balances adjusted for charge-offs, net deferred loan origination costs and the allowance for loan losses. For loans that completed funding on or after October 1, 2010, management elected to fair value SBA loans held for investment within the fair value hierarchy that prioritizes observable and unobservable inputs utilizing Level 3 unobservable inputs which reflect the Company s own expectations about the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset (including assumptions about risk). The Company considers its Securitization pricing model to be the best indicator of the fair value discount used to measure loans held for investment. As discussed in the Company s 2011 10K, the Company was able to securitize its unguaranteed portions of its SBA 7(a) loans and issued notes to an investor with a S&P rating of AA.

The fair value measurement, currently recorded as a 9.5% upfront discount of the unguaranteed principal balance of SBA loans held for investment, is based upon the investor price paid for the senior interest in our unguaranteed loans with respect to our two securitized transactions, and adjusted for the estimated servicing and interest income retained by the trust over an estimated repayment term of three years. This was further adjusted to reflect the estimated default rate on the senior notes based on the default rate on our loan portfolio, assuming a worst case scenario of no recoveries. Should the performance of the underlying loans to the senior notes change, this could impact the assumptions used in the estimated repayment term as well as the estimated default rate and thus result in a higher or lower discount rate taken in the future; management reviews these assumptions regularly. If a loan measured at fair value is subsequently impaired, then the fair value of the loan is measured based on the present value of expected future cash flows discounted at the loan s effective interest rate, or the fair value of the collateral if the

loan is collateral dependent. The significant unobservable inputs used in the fair value measurement of the impaired loans involves management s judgment in the use of market data and third party estimates regarding collateral values. Such estimates are further discounted by 20% - 80% to reflect the cost of liquidating the various assets under collateral. Any subsequent increases or decreases in any of the inputs would result in a corresponding decrease or increase in the reserve for loan loss. Because the loans bear interest at a variable rate, NSBF does not have to factor in interest rate risk.

## SBA Loans Held For Sale

For guaranteed portions funded, but not yet traded at each measurement date, management elected to fair value SBA loans held for sale within the fair value hierarchy that prioritizes observable and unobservable inputs used to measure fair value utilizing Level 2 assets. These inputs include debt securities with quoted prices that are traded less frequently than exchange-traded instruments or have values determined using a pricing model with inputs that are observable in the market. The secondary market for the guaranteed portions is extremely robust with broker dealers acting as primary dealers. NSBF sells regularly into the market and can quickly price its loans for sale. The Company values the guaranteed portion based on market prices equal to the guaranteed loan amount plus a premium that includes both an upfront cash payment (utilizing quoted prices) and the value of a stream of payments representing servicing income received in excess of NSBF servicing cost (valued using a pricing model with inputs that are observable in the market).

## SBA Loans Transferred, Subject to Premium Recourse

In 2010, a new accounting standard codified into ASC Topic 860, Transfers and Servicing, required for the guaranteed portions transferred that the Company, due to the premium warranty formerly incorporated in SBA Form 1086 (the warranty ceased as part of the form on February 7, 2011), establish a new asset related to the guaranteed portion of SBA 7(a) loans contractually sold but subject to premium recourse. Prior to October 1, 2010, guaranteed loans transferred in the secondary market are carried at cost. For guaranteed portions funded on or after October 1, 2010, management elected to fair value SBA loans transferred, subject to premium recourse within the fair value hierarchy that prioritizes observable and unobservable inputs utilizing Level 2 assets. The Company valued the guaranteed portion based on market prices equal to the guaranteed loan amount plus a premium that includes both an upfront cash payment (utilizing quoted prices) and the value of a stream of payments representing servicing income received in excess of NSBF s servicing cost (valued using a pricing model with inputs that are observable in the market).

After February 7, 2011, the new Form 1086 allowed the Company to recognize premium income concurrent with the date of transfer, as was done prior to January 1, 2010. As a result, the balance in SBA loans transferred, subject to premium recourse was reduced to zero during 2011.

	Fair Value Measurements at March 31, 2012 Using:					
	Total	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3		Gains and osses)
Assets						
SBA loans held for investment	\$ 27,226	\$	\$	\$ 27,226	\$	(142)
SBA loans held for sale	2,642		2,642			314
Total assets	\$ 29,868	\$	\$ 2,642	\$ 27,226	\$	172

	Fair Value Measurements at December 31, 2011 Using:					
	Total	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3		Gains and Losses)
Assets						
SBA loans held for investment	\$ 21,857	\$	\$	\$ 21,857	\$	(2,392)
SBA loans held for sale	2,198		2,198			265
SBA loans transferred, subject to premium recourse						(3,366)
Total assets	\$ 24,055	\$	\$ 2,198	\$ 21,857	\$	(5,493)

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Below is a summary of the activity in SBA loans held for investment, at fair value for the three months and year ended March 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011, respectively, (in thousands):

	Marc	ch 31, 2012	Decem	ber 31, 2011
Balance, beginning of period	\$	21,857	\$	2,310
SBA loans held for investment, originated		5,803		22,385
Payments received		(292)		(446)
Fair value loss		(142)		(2,392)
Balance, end of period	\$	27,226	\$	21,857

## **Other Fair Value Measurements**

Assets Measured at Fair Value on a Non-recurring Basis are as follows (in thousands):

	I	Fair Value	Measuremen				-		
		Total	Level 1	Le	vel 2	I	Level 3	Tota	Losses
Assets									
Impaired loans	\$	7,088	\$	\$		\$	7,088	\$	(110)
Other real-estate owned		334			334				(77)
Total assets	\$	7,422	\$	\$	334	\$	7,088	\$	(187)
	Fa	ir Value N	<b>Aeasurement</b>	s at Dece	ember 31	. 201	1 Using:		
		Total	Level 1				_		
		I Otal	Leveri	Le	vel 2	I	Level 3	Tota	Losses
Assets		Total	Level 1	Le	vel 2	I	Level 3	Tota	Losses
Assets Impaired loans	\$	6,978	\$	Le \$	vel 2	\$	6,978	Tota \$	(751)
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## **Impaired loans**

Impairment of a loan is measured based on the present value of expected future cash flows discounted at the loan s effective interest rate, or the fair value of the collateral if the loan is collateral dependent. Impaired loans for which the carrying amount is based on fair value of the underlying collateral are included in assets and reported at estimated fair value on a non-recurring basis,

both at initial recognition of impairment and on an on-going basis until recovery or charge-off of the loan amount. The significant unobservable inputs used in the fair value measurement of the impaired loans involves management s judgment in the use of market data and third party estimates regarding collateral values. Such estimates are further discounted by 20% - 80% to reflect the cost of liquidating the various assets under collateral. Valuations in the level of impaired loans and corresponding impairment affect the level of the reserve for loan losses. Any subsequent increases or decreases in any of the inputs would result in a corresponding decrease or increase in the reserve for loan loss.

## Other real-estate owned (included in Prepaid expenses and other assets)

The estimated fair value of other real-estate owned is calculated using observable market information, including bids from prospective purchasers and pricing from similar market transactions where available. The value is generally discounted between 20-25% based on market valuations as well as expenses associated with securing our interests. Where bid information is not available for a specific property, the valuation is principally based upon recent transaction prices for similar properties that have been sold. These comparable properties share comparable demographic characteristics. Other real estate owned is generally classified within Level 2 of the valuation hierarchy.

#### NOTE 4 SBA LOANS:

SBA loans are geographically concentrated in Florida (14% of the portfolio), Texas (10% of the portfolio) and New York (11% of the portfolio). Below is a summary of the activity in the SBA loans held for investment, net of SBA loan loss reserves for the three months ended March 31, 2012 (in thousands):

Balance at December 31, 2011	\$ 40,412
SBA loans funded for investment	5,803
Fair value adjustment	(142)
Payments received	(935)
Provision for SBA loan losses	(120)
Discount on loan originations, net	79
Balance at March 31, 2012	\$ 45,097

Below is a summary of the activity in the reserve for loan losses for the three months ended March 31, 2012 (in thousands):

Balance at December 31, 2011	\$ 2,900
SBA loan loss provision	120
Recoveries	(1)
Loan charge-offs	(205)
Balance at March 31, 2012	\$ 2,814

Below is a summary of the activity in the SBA loans held for sale for the three months ended March 31, 2012 (in thousands):

Balance at December 31, 2011	\$ 2,198
Originations of SBA Loans held for sale	18,683
Fair value adjustment	48
SBA loans sold	(18,287)
Balance at March 31, 2012	\$ 2,642

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All loans are priced at the Prime interest rate plus approximately 2.75% to 3.75%. The only loans with a fixed interest rate are defaulted loans of which the guaranteed portion sold is repurchased from the secondary market by the SBA, while the unguaranteed portion of the loans still remains with the Company. As of March 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011, net SBA loans receivable held for investment with adjustable interest rates amounted to \$45,208,000 and \$40,475,000, respectively.

For the three months ended March 31, 2012 and 2011, the Company funded approximately \$24,521,000 and \$19,413,000 in loans and sold approximately \$18,287,000 and \$12,217,000 of the guaranteed portion of the loans, respectively. Receivables from loans traded but not settled of \$13,923,000 and \$4,911,000 as of March 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011, respectively, are presented as broker receivable in the accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheets.

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The outstanding balances of loans past due over ninety days or more and still accruing interest as of March 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011 amounted to \$469,000 and \$516,000, respectively.

At March 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011, total impaired non-accrual loans amounted to \$7,088,000 and \$6,978,000, respectively. For the three months ended March 31, 2012 and for the year ended December 31, 2011, the average balance of impaired non-accrual loans was \$6,934,000 and \$7,995,000, respectively. Approximately \$2,348,000 and \$2,428,000 of the allowance for loan losses were allocated against such impaired non-accrual loans, respectively.

The following is a summary of SBA loans held for investment as of:

(in thousands):		31, 2012		er 31, 2011
	Fair Value	Cost Basis	Fair Value	Costs Basis
Due in one year or less	\$	\$ 25	\$	\$ 1,033
Due between one and five years		4,326		3,390
Due after five years	30,046	17,635	24,535	18,413
Total	30,046	21,986	24,535	22,836
Less : Allowance for loan losses		(2,814)		(2,900)
Less: Deferred origination fees, net		(1,301)		(1,381)
Less: Fair value adjustment	(2,820)		(2,678)	
Balance (net)	\$ 27,226	\$ 17,871	\$ 21,857	\$ 18,555

## NOTE 5 SERVICING ASSET:

Servicing rights are recognized as assets when SBA loans are accounted for as sold and the rights to service those loans are retained. The Company measures all separately recognized servicing assets initially at fair value, if practicable. The Company reviews capitalized servicing rights for impairment which is performed based on risk strata, which are determined on a disaggregated basis given the predominant risk characteristics of the underlying loans. The predominant risk characteristics are loan term and year of loan origination.

The changes in the value of the Company s servicing rights for the three months ended March 31, 2012 were as follows:

(in thousands):	
Balance at December 31, 2011	\$ 3,420
Servicing rights capitalized	377
Servicing assets amortized	(188)
Balance at March 31, 2012	\$ 3.609

During the quarter ended March 31, 2012, the Company revised its estimate for the amortization period of the servicing asset from 3.94 years to 5.00 years. Variables supporting this change in the rate of amortization included a decrease in loan prepayment speeds, an extended weighted average maturity date of the loan portfolio, and improvements in the credit standing of its loan customers. The effect of this change resulted in a \$43,000 reduction in servicing asset amortization for the three months ended March 31, 2012.

The estimated fair value of capitalized servicing rights was \$3,609,000 and \$3,420,000 at March 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011, respectively. The estimated fair value of servicing assets at March 31, 2012 was determined using a discount rate of 14%, weighted average prepayment speeds ranging from 1% to 12%, depending upon certain characteristics of the loan portfolio, weighted average life of 5.00 years, and an average default rate of 6%. The estimated fair value of servicing assets at December 31, 2011 was determined using a discount rate of 14%, weighted average prepayment speeds ranging from 1% to 12%, depending upon certain characteristics of the loan portfolio, weighted average life of 3.94 years, and an average default rate of 6%. The Company uses an independent valuation specialist to estimate the fair value of the servicing asset.

The unpaid principal balances of loans serviced for others are not included in the accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheets. The unpaid principal balances of loans serviced for others within the NSBF originated portfolio were \$295,942,000 and \$286,113,000 as of March 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011, respectively. The unpaid principal balances of loans serviced for others which were not originated by NSBF and are outside of the Newtek portfolio were \$135,857,000 and \$136,971,000 as of March 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011, respectively.

## NOTE 6 NOTES PAYABLE:

At March 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011, the Company had long-term debt outstanding comprised of the following (in thousands):

	March 31, 2012	ember 31, 2011
Bank notes payable:		
Capital One lines of credit (NSBF)		
Guaranteed line	\$ 12,001	\$ 5,355
Unguaranteed line	3,200	3,009
Sterling National bank line of credit (NBC)	5,066	3,777
Capital One term loan (NTS)	1,319	1,424
Total bank notes payable:	21,586	13,565
Note payable Securitization trust DS)	25,400	26,368
Total notes payable	\$ 46,986	\$ 39,933

#### NOTE 7 STOCK OPTIONS AND RESTRICTED SHARES:

The Company had three share-based compensation plans as of March 31, 2012 and 2011. Shareholders of the Company approved a new share-based plan at the annual meeting during the second quarter of 2011. For the three months ended March 31, 2012 and 2011, compensation cost charged to income for those plans was \$142,000 and \$51,000, respectively, of which \$113,000 and \$45,400 are included in salaries and benefits, and \$29,000 and \$5,600 are included in other general and administrative costs for the three months ended March 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively.

In March 2011, Newtek granted certain employees, executives and board of directors an aggregate of 1,142,000 restricted shares valued at \$1,941,000. The grants vest on July 1, 2014. The fair value of these grants was determined using the fair value of the common shares at the grant date. The restricted shares are forfeitable upon early voluntary or involuntary termination of the employee. Upon vesting, the grantee will receive one common share for each restricted share vested. Under the terms of the plan, these share awards do not include voting rights until the shares vest. The Company recorded \$139,000 and \$49,000 in share-based compensation in the first quarter of 2012 and 2011, respectively, in connection with the vesting period associated with these grants.

There were no options granted during the three months ended March 31, 2012.

As of March 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011, there was \$1,284,000 and \$1,426,000 of total unrecognized compensation costs related to non-vested share-based compensation arrangements granted under the 2000, 2003 and 2010 plans. That cost is expected to be recognized ratably through July 2014.

## NOTE 8 INCOME TAXES:

The Company s effective tax rate for the three month period ended March 31, 2012 and 2011 was 38% and 43%, respectively and was comprised of a net current tax provision and deferred tax benefit.

Provision (benefit) for income taxes for the three months ended March 31, 2012 and 2011 is as follows (in thousands):

	2012	2011
Current:		
Federal	\$ 1,391	\$ 506
State	246	90
	1,637	596
Deferred:		
Federal	(715)	(204)
State and local	(126)	(36)
	(841)	(240)
Provision for income taxes	\$ 796	\$ 356

## NOTE 9 INCOME PER SHARE:

Basic income per share is computed based on the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the period. The effect of common share equivalents is included in the calculation of diluted loss per share only when the effect of their inclusion would be dilutive.

The calculations of income per share were:

(In thousands except per share data):			Ended I	Three Months Ended March 31, 2011		
Numerator:						
Numerator for basic and diluted income per share income available to common shareholders	\$	1,303	\$	509		
Denominator:						
Denominator for basic income per share weighted average shares		35,779		35,676		
Effect of dilutive securities		414		520		
Denominator for diluted income per share weighted average shares		36,193		36,196		
Income per share: basic and diluted	\$	0.04	\$	0.01		

The amount of anti-dilutive shares/units excluded from the above calculation is as follows:

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	Three Months Ended March 31, 2012	Three Months Ended March 31, 2011
Stock options and restricted shares	782	
Warrants	50	50
Contingently issuable shares	83	83

#### NOTE 10 COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES:

In the ordinary course of business, the Company may from time to time be party to lawsuits and claims. The Company evaluates such matters on a case by case basis and its policy is to contest vigorously any claims it believes are without compelling merit. The Company is currently involved in various contract claims and litigation matters. Management has reviewed all claims against the Company with counsel and has taken into consideration the views of such counsel as to the outcome of the claims, and on that basis the Company has determined that it is reasonably possible that claims will result in a loss in the near term which it estimates to be between \$100,000 and \$500,000.

#### NOTE 11 SEGMENT REPORTING:

Operating segments are organized internally primarily by the type of services provided. The Company has aggregated similar operating segments into six reportable segments: Electronic payment processing, Managed technology solutions, Small business finance, All other, Corporate and Capcos.

The Electronic payment processing segment is a processor of credit card transactions, as well as a marketer of credit card and check approval services to the small- and medium-sized business market. Expenses include direct costs (included in a separate line captioned electronic payment processing costs), professional fees, salaries and benefits, and other general and administrative costs, all of which are included in the respective caption on the condensed consolidated statements of income.

The Managed technology solutions segment consists of NTS, acquired in July 2004. NTS s revenues are derived primarily from web hosting services and consist of web hosting and set up fees. NTS generates expenses such as professional fees, payroll and benefits, and depreciation and amortization, which are included in the respective caption on the accompanying condensed consolidated statements of income, as well as licenses and fees, rent, and general office expenses, all of which are included in other general and administrative costs in the respective caption on the condensed consolidated statements of income.

The Small business finance segment consists of Small Business Lending, Inc., a lender that primarily originates, sells and services government guaranteed SBA 7(a) loans to qualifying small businesses through NSBF, its licensed SBA lender; the Texas Whitestone Group which manages the Company s Texas Capco; and NBC which provides accounts receivable financing, billing and accounts receivable maintenance services to businesses. NSBF generates revenues from sales of loans, servicing income for those loans retained or contracted to service by NSBF and interest income earned on the loans themselves. The lender generates expenses for interest, professional fees, salaries and benefits, depreciation and amortization, and provision for loan losses, all of which are included in the respective caption on the condensed consolidated statements of income. NSBF also has expenses such as loan recovery expenses, loan processing costs, and other expenses that are all included in the other general and administrative costs caption on the condensed consolidated statements of income.

The All other segment includes revenues and expenses primarily from qualified businesses that received investments made through the Company s Capcos which cannot be aggregated with other operating segments. The two largest entities in the segment are Newtek Insurance Agency, LLC, an insurance sales operation, and Business Connect, LLC, a provider of sales and processing services. Exponential of New York, LLC, an entity determined to be a subsidiary on January 1, 2012, is also included in All other.

Corporate activities represent revenue and expenses not allocated to our segments. Revenue includes interest income and management fees earned from Capcos (and included in expenses in the Capco segment). Expenses primarily include corporate operations related to broad-based sales and marketing, legal, finance, information technology, corporate development and additional costs associated with administering the Capcos.

The Capco segment, which consists of the twelve Capcos, generates non-cash income from tax credits, interest income and gains from investments in qualified businesses which are included in other income. Expenses primarily include non-cash interest and insurance expense, management fees paid to Newtek (and included in the Corporate activities revenues), legal, and auditing fees and losses from investments in qualified businesses.

Management has considered the following characteristics when making its determination of its operating and reportable segments:

the type or class of customer for their products and services;
the methods used to distribute their products or provide their services; and

the nature of the product and services;

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the nature of the regulatory environment (for example, banking, insurance, or public utilities). The accounting policies of the segments are the same as those described in the summary of significant accounting policies.

The following table presents the Company s segment information for the periods ended March 31, 2012 and 2011 and total assets as of March 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011 (in thousands):

	Three Months Ended March 31, 2012		Three Months Ended March 31, 2011	
Third Party Revenue				
Electronic payment processing	\$	20,618	\$	20,089
Managed technology solutions		4,693		4,829
Small business finance		4,839		5,053
All other		546		354
Corporate activities		250		335
Capco		200		340
<u>F</u>				
Total reportable segments		31,146		31,000
Total reportable segments Eliminations				(477)
Eliminations		(417)		(4//)
Consolidated Total	\$	30,729	\$	30,523
Inter Segment Revenue				
Electronic payment processing	\$	374	\$	275
Managed technology solutions		201		165
Small business finance		11		20
All other		308		271
Corporate activities		511		406
Capco		208		193
Total reportable segments		1,613		1,330
Eliminations		(1,613)		(1,330)
Consolidated Total	\$		\$	
Income (loss) before income taxes				
Electronic payment processing	\$	2,066	\$	1,204
Managed technology solutions	Ψ.	1,102	Ψ	1,231
Small business finance		1,466		1,271
All other		(234)		(296)
Corporate activities		(1,800)		(1,965)
Capco		(495)		(611)
Capeo		(175)		(011)
Totals	\$	2,105	\$	834
Depreciation and amortization				
Electronic payment processing	\$	241	\$	381
Managed technology solutions	7	298	¥	375
Small business finance		219		192
All other		14		21
Corporate activities		27		58
Capco		2		3
Cupto		2		
Totals	\$	801	\$	1,030

	As of March 31, 2012	Dec	As of cember 31, 2011
Identifiable assets			
Electronic payment processing	\$ 11,698	\$	10,722
Managed technology solutions	10,963		10,838
Small business finance	88,708		80,797
All other	5,699		2,878
Corporate activities	3,654		3,281
Capco	19,608		23,494
Consolidated total	\$ 140,330	\$	132.010

#### NOTE 12 SUBSEQUENT EVENTS:

#### Closing of Second Lien Credit Facility

On April 26, 2012, the Company closed a \$15,000,000 Second Lien Credit Facility (the Facility) issued by Summit Partners Credit Advisors, L.P. (Summit), comprised of a \$10,000,000 term loan, which was drawn at closing, and a \$5,000,000 delayed draw term loan to be made upon the satisfaction of certain conditions. The funds will be used primarily for general corporate purposes including the origination of SBA 7(a) loans as well as for paying fees and expenses in connection with the closing of the Facility. The loan bears interest at 12.5% per annum on the amount outstanding plus payment-in-kind interest at 2.5%, which can either be paid quarterly in arrears or added to the outstanding loan amount. The Facility will mature in 5.5 years and can be prepaid at any time following the second anniversary date of the closing date.

In addition to a second lien on all of the Company s assets behind the first lien held by Capital One, N.A., the principal lender to the Company s SBA lender, NSBF, Summit was given second-lien secured guarantees by each of the Company s principal subsidiaries: NTS and Universal Processing Services of Wisconsin, LLC, as well as certain other smaller subsidiaries. The Company has also committed to attempt to obtain the approval of the SBA for NSBF to provide a guaranty to Summit of the Company s obligations; the ability of the Company to achieve this approval is the precondition to the Company obtaining the \$5,000,000 delayed draw.

Total closing fees were approximately \$1,020,000 which included a 3% fee paid to Summit on the aggregate amount of the Facility, as well as legal, accounting and other closing related costs which will be recorded as deferred financing costs and amortized over the life of the facility. The majority of these fees were paid at closing and netted against the initial draw down. Net cash proceeds received at closing were \$9,353,000.

In addition, the Company issued to Summit a warrant representing 1,696,810 common shares, or 4.4% of the Company s current outstanding common equity. The warrant is exercisable at \$0.02 per share and included registration rights and will have limited anti-dilution protection for future issuances of equity and equity-linked securities of the Company issued to officers, directors and employees. Summit is prohibited from selling any common shares it receives on exercise of the warrant for a period of 24 months following the closing; provided, however, that if the Company s common shares trade at or above \$2.25 per share for a period of fifteen consecutive days, Summit will have the ability to sell the common shares. Any sales by Summit will be subject to a right of first refusal in favor of the Company. The Facility calls for financial covenants such as minimum EBITDA, maximum capital expenditures, minimum unrestricted cash and cash equivalents, minimum tangible net worth and maximum leverage.

#### Share Transactions

In connection with the Company s 401(k) plan, at December 31, 2011, the Company elected to make a matching contribution in the form of Company shares equal to 50% of the first 2% of employee s 2011 contributions, up to a maximum match of 1%. In April 2012, in connection with this match, 66,760 treasury shares were transferred to the Company s 401(k) plan at a value of \$1.555 per share.

In April 2012, Newtek granted certain employees and executives an aggregate of 73,500 restricted shares valued at \$115,000. The grants vest on July 1, 2014. The fair value of these grants was determined using the fair value of the common shares at the grant date. The restricted shares are forfeitable upon early voluntary or involuntary termination of the employee. Upon vesting, the grantee will receive one common share for each restricted share vested. Under the terms of the plan, these share awards do not include voting rights until the shares vest.

#### Item 2. Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.

#### **Introduction and Certain Cautionary Statements**

The following discussion and analysis of our financial condition and results of operations is intended to assist in the understanding and assessment of significant changes and trends related to the results of operations and financial position of the Company together with its subsidiaries. This discussion and analysis should be read in conjunction with the condensed consolidated financial statements and the accompanying notes.

The statements in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q may contain forward-looking statements relating to such matters as anticipated future financial performance, business prospects, legislative developments and similar matters. The Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 provides a safe harbor for forward-looking statements. In order to comply with the terms of the safe harbor, we note that a variety of factors could cause our actual results to differ materially from the anticipated results expressed in the forward-looking statements such as intensified competition and/or operating problems in its operating business projects and their impact on revenues and profit margins or additional factors as described in Newtek Business Services previously filed registration statements as more fully described under Risk Factors above.

Our Capcos operate under a different set of rules in each of the six jurisdictions which place varying requirements on the structure of our investments. In some cases, particularly in Louisiana, we don't control the equity or management of a qualified business but that cannot always be presented orally or in written presentations.

#### **Executive Overview**

For the quarter ended March 31, 2012, the Company reported income before income taxes of \$2,105,000, a \$1,271,000 improvement over pretax income of \$834,000 for the same quarter of 2011. Net income also increased to \$1,309,000 in the first quarter of 2012 from \$478,000 in the year ago period. Total revenues increased by \$206,000 to \$30,729,000 from \$30,523,000 for the quarter ended March 31, 2012, due to increased revenues in the Electronic payment processing and the All other segments, offset by decreases in revenues from our Managed technology, Small business finance, Capco and Corporate segments. The decrease in revenue in the Small business finance segment was due entirely to the reversal of the fair value adjustment associated with SBA loans transferred, subject to premium recourse, which increased premium income for the same amount in the year ago period. With the exception of Managed technology solutions, each of the segments reported improvements in profitability. In Electronic payment processing the segment had a gain in dollar margin on core business and a decrease in amortization expense, and in Small business finance the segment had an increase in loan originations, loan servicing income, interest income on a larger and better performing portfolio, as well as a reversal of fair value adjustments associated with previously transferred loans subject to premium recourse. In the Capco segment, the decrease in management fees, professional fees and other general and administrative expense contributed to the reduced loss, and in All Other, an increase in insurance commission revenue and a gain on sale of an investment with a zero basis absorbed an increase in salaries and professional fees. In Corporate, greater profitability was attained primarily from cost reductions in rent and occupancy expenses, professional fees as well as reductions in salaries and related expense. As a result of redundancy, the Company restructured and consolidated positions in accounting and finance, and subsequent to quarter end

Related to the Small business finance segment, the Company recorded a fair value loss adjustment on SBA loans held for investment of \$142,000 for the period as compared to a fair value loss of \$324,000 in the prior period. The improvement was based on the change in the fair value discount that the Company applies to all loans originated subsequent to October 1, 2010. The loss rate was based on the Company s securitization pricing model and is discussed more fully in Note 3 Fair Value Measurements. In addition, management changed its estimate for the amortization life on its servicing asset based on analysis supporting an increase in the average life of the NSBF portfolio, as more fully described in Note 5 Servicing Asset.

Also during the first quarter of 2012, the Company began consolidating Exponential of New York, LLC (Expo), a company formed in 1998 to operate as a CAPCO. Prior to 2012, the Company s interests in Expo were recorded on a cost basis; however, as a result of ownership changes, the Company now holds a 39% interest and was determined to be the primary beneficiary based on its ability to direct the activities of Expo. For the first quarter of 2012, Newtek s share of pretax income from Expo was approximately \$25,000. In addition, a cumulative effect adjustment to retained earnings of \$1,466,000 has been recorded. A reconciliation of adjustments to opening equity is included in Note 1 Description of Business and Basis of Presentation.

The increase in the Company s cash and cash equivalents from \$13,851,000 at March 31, 2011 to \$15,341,000 at March 31, 2012 is primarily due to additional borrowings on bank lines of credit, the consolidation of Expo and the Company receiving the remaining proceeds from its 2011 securitization of the unguaranteed, retained loan portions of SBA 7(a) loans, previously set aside for post-closing loan origination. These sources of cash were more than sufficient to offset a \$5,237,000 increase in loan originations which totaled \$24,521,000 for the three months ended

March 31, 2012.

#### **Business Segment Results:**

The results of the Company s reportable segments for the three months ended March 31, 2012 and 2011 are discussed below:

### **Electronic Payment Processing**

	Three i			
(In thousands):	2012	2011	\$ Change	% Change
Revenue:				
Electronic payment processing	\$ 20,617	\$ 20,087	\$ 530	3%
Interest income	1	2	(1)	(50%)
Total revenue	20,618	20,089	529	3%
Expenses:				
Electronic payment processing costs	16,881	17,094	(213)	(1%)
Salaries and benefits	1,065	1,065		%
Professional fees	64	59	5	8%
Depreciation and amortization	241	381	(140)	(37%)
Other general and administrative costs	301	286	15	5%
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Total expenses	18,552	18,885	(333)	(2%)
Income before income taxes	\$ 2,066	\$ 1,204	\$ 862	72%

#### **2012**

Electronic payment processing (EPP) revenue increased \$530,000 or 3% between years due to organic growth. Revenue increased due to a combination of growth in processing volumes, selective fee increases and additions to services provided to our merchants. Processing volumes were favorably impacted by an increase in the average number of processing merchants under contract between periods of 3%. In addition, organic growth in revenue between periods increased due to an increase of approximately 8% in the average monthly processing volume per merchant. The increase in the average monthly processing volume per merchant is due in part to the addition of several larger volume processing merchants as well as year-over-year growth in processing volumes from existing merchants. Total revenue in 2012 was adversely impacted by approximately 8% due to the overall pricing mix of merchant sales volumes realized between periods as well as the effect of lower pass-through pricing on debit card transactions due to government mandated limits on underlying interchange costs for such transactions.

Electronic payment processing costs decreased \$213,000 or 1% between years. Beginning in the fourth quarter of 2011, the EPP Segment began experiencing lower EPP Costs as interchange costs on debit card transactions were reduced for interchange plus priced merchants as well as others. Processing revenues less electronic payment processing costs (margin) increased from 14.9% in 2011 to 18.1% in 2012. The increase in margin is due to the introduction of new, higher margin products and services during 2011 and the impact on revenues and EPP Costs as a result of the debit card pricing and interchange cost changes noted above. The increase in margin resulting from the aforementioned items was partially offset by higher residual payments to sales agents which increased \$930,000 or 54% between years per their agreements as a result of the pricing and cost changes noted above as well as increases in the mix of merchant sales volumes processed related to such sales agents. Overall, the increase in margin dollars was \$742,000 between years.

Excluding electronic payment processing costs, other costs decreased \$120,000 or 7% between years. Depreciation and amortization decreased \$140,000 between periods as the result of previously acquired portfolio intangible assets becoming fully amortized between periods. Remaining costs increased only \$20,000 or 1% between years.

Income before income taxes increased \$862,000 to \$2,066,000 in 2012 from \$1,204,000 in 2011. The increase in income before income taxes was due to the increase in the dollar margin of operating revenues less electronic payment processing costs of \$742,000 due to the reasons noted above and the decrease in other depreciation and amortizations cost between years.

## **Managed Technology Solutions**

	Three	Three months ended March 31:		
(In thousands):	ended I			
	2012	2011	\$ Change	% Change
Revenue:				
Web hosting and design	\$ 4,693	\$ 4,829	\$ (136)	(3)%
D.				
Expenses:				
Salaries and benefits	1,290	1,184	106	9%
Interest	22	28	(6)	(21)%
Professional fees	169	185	(16)	(9)%
Depreciation and amortization	298	375	(77)	(21)%
Other general and administrative costs	1,812	1,826	(14)	(1)%
Total expenses	3,591	3,598	(7)	%