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Modest Growth In The Small Business Economy Continues

Newtek, The Small Business Authority®, Releases March 2015 SB Authority Index

NEW YORK, May 12, 2015 /PRNewswire/ -- Newtek Business Services Corp., (NASDAQ: NEWT), [The Small Business Authority®](#), announced today the release of the SB Authority Index of small business indicators for March 2015 which reached 130.35 points. Approved SBA lending volumes, new entity formation and the Russell Microcap Index led the increase. The SB Authority Index is up 0.15% from February 2015. On a year-over-year comparison, the SB Authority Index is up 3.16%.

Barry Sloane, Chairman, President and CEO of [The Small Business Authority®](#) commented, "We are experiencing an economy that is growing very slowly and is range-bound, trying to break out. The SB Authority Index is telling us that the very sensitive personal consumption aspect of our economy continues to struggle to gain any momentum. Long-term interest rates have ticked up slightly, as have oil and gas prices. We do not see significant near-term rate hikes or further pressure on higher oil and gas prices. However, if that does occur, independent business owners are very sensitive to these two staples of the economy and any further bad news coming from these sectors could start the small business segment on a negative downtrend."



About Newtek Business Services Corp.

[Newtek Business Services Corp.](#), [The Small Business Authority®](#), is an internally managed business development company, which along with its controlled portfolio companies, provides a wide range of business services and financial products under the Newtek® brand to the small- and medium-sized business (SMB) market. Since 1999, Newtek has provided state-of-the-art, cost-efficient products and services and efficient business strategies to over 100,000 business accounts across all 50 States to help them grow their sales, control their expenses and reduce their risk.

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