NEWTEK BUSINESS SERVICES INC Form 8-K July 25, 2008

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

July 25, 2008 (July 24, 2008)

Date of Report (date of Earliest Event Reported)

NEWTEK BUSINESS SERVICES, INC.

(Exact Name of Company as Specified in its Charter)

NEW YORK (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization) 001-16123 (Commission File No.) 11-3504638 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

1440 Broadway, 17th floor, New York, NY 10018

(Address of principal executive offices and zip code)

(212) 356-9500

(Company s telephone number, including area code)

(Former name or former address, if changed from last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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

Forward-Looking Statements

Statements in this Current Report on Form 8-K (including the exhibits), including statements regarding Newtek s beliefs, expectations, intentions or strategies for the future, may be forward-looking statements under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. All forward-looking statements involve a number of risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from the plans, intentions and expectations reflected in or suggested by the forward-looking statements. Such risks and uncertainties include, among others, intensified competition, operating problems and their impact on revenues and profit margins, anticipated future business strategies and financial performance, anticipated future number of customers, business prospects, legislative developments and similar matters. Risk factors, cautionary statements and other conditions which could cause Newtek s actual results to differ from management s current expectations are contained in Newtek s filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Newtek undertakes no obligation to update any forward-looking statement to reflect events or circumstances that may arise after the date of this filing.

ITEM 1.01. Entry into a Material Written Agreement

On July 24, 2008, Newtek Business Services, Inc. entered into an Amendment to the Employment Agreement dated June 30, 2006 between Newtek and Barry Sloane (Amendment to Sloane Employment Agreement). The amendment extends the term of the employment agreement to December 31, 2008 and enhances the severance provisions for termination other than for cause of the agreement to two (2) times the sum of (i) Mr. Sloane s base salary in effect at the time of termination, plus (ii) the amount of any incentive compensation paid with respect to the immediately preceding fiscal year, and imposes certain covenants of non solicitation and non interference in the event that Mr. Sloane s employment with the Company terminates for any reason.

A copy of the Amendment to Sloane Employment Agreement is filed as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K.

ITEM 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits

99.1 Instrument of Amendment dated July 24, 2008 to Employment Agreement dated June 30, 2006 between the Company and Barry Sloane.

SIGNATURES

In accordance with the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

NEWTEK BUSINESS SERVICES, INC.

Date: July 25, 2008

/s/ Barry Sloane Barry Sloane Chairman of the Board, Chief Executive Officer, Secretary

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