

**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

January 22, 2021 (January 22, 2021)
Date of Report (date of Earliest Event Reported)

NEWTEK BUSINESS SERVICES CORP.
(Exact Name of Company as Specified in its Charter)

MARYLAND
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization)

814-01035
(Commission File No.)

46-3755188
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

4800 T-Rex Avenue, Suite 120, Boca Raton, FL 33431
(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)

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

<u>Title of each class</u>	<u>Trading Symbol(s)</u>	<u>Name of each exchange on which registered</u>
Common Stock, par value \$0.02 per share	NEWT	Nasdaq Global Market LLC
6.25% Notes due 2023	NEWTI	Nasdaq Global Market LLC
5.75% Notes due 2024	NEWTL	Nasdaq Global Market LLC
5.50% Notes due 2026	NEWTZ	Nasdaq Global Market LLC

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- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Item 1.01. Entry Into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On January 22, 2021, Newtek Business Services Corp. (the “Company”) and U.S. Bank National Association (the “Trustee”), entered into a Seventh Supplemental Indenture (the “Seventh Supplemental Indenture”) to the Indenture, dated as of September 23, 2015, between the Company and the Trustee (the “Base Indenture”, and together with the Seventh Supplemental Indenture, the “Indenture”). The Seventh Supplemental Indenture relates to the Company’s issuance, offer and sale of \$115,000,000 aggregate principal amount of its 5.50% notes due 2026 (the “Notes”).

The Notes will mature on February 1, 2026 and may be redeemed in whole or in part at any time or from time to time at the Company’s option on or after February 1, 2022, upon not less than 30 days nor more than 60 days written notice by mail prior to the date fixed for redemption thereof, at a redemption price equal to the following amounts, plus accrued and unpaid interest to, but excluding, the redemption date: (1) 100% of the principal amount of the Notes to be redeemed plus (2) the sum of the present value of the scheduled payments of interest (exclusive of accrued and unpaid interest to the date of redemption) on the Notes to be redeemed from the redemption date until February 1, 2023, discounted to the redemption date on a semi-annual basis (assuming a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months) using the applicable Treasury Rate plus 50 basis points; provided, however, that if the Company redeems any Notes on or after February 1, 2023 (the date falling three years prior to the maturity date of the Notes), the redemption price for the Notes will be equal to 100% of the principal amount of the Notes to be redeemed, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to, but excluding, the date of redemption. The Notes bear interest at a rate of 5.50% per year payable on February 1, May 1, August 1 and November 1 of each year, commencing May 1, 2021.

The net proceeds the Company received from the sale of the Notes was approximately \$111,287,500 based on a public offering price of \$25 per Note, after deducting the underwriting discount and commissions payable by the Company and estimated offering expenses payable by the Company. The Company intends to use the net proceeds from the sale of the Notes to fund investments in debt and equity securities in accordance with its investment objective and strategies. The Company may use the net proceeds to fully or partially pay down, retire, or redeem certain of its outstanding indebtedness, including the outstanding 6.25% Notes due 2023 (the “2023 Notes”). As of January 12, 2021, the Company had approximately \$57.5 million of aggregate principal amount outstanding, plus accrued interest, of 2023 Notes, which mature on March 1, 2023 and bear interest at a rate of 6.25%. The Company may also use the net proceeds for general corporate purposes, including making direct investments in portfolio companies.

The Notes will be the Company’s direct unsecured obligations and rank *pari passu*, or equal, with all outstanding and future unsecured unsubordinated indebtedness issued by the Company. The Notes will be effectively subordinated to the Company’s existing and future secured indebtedness to the extent of the value of the assets securing such indebtedness, and structurally subordinated to all existing and future indebtedness and other obligations of any of the Company’s subsidiaries.

The Indenture contains certain covenants, including covenants requiring the Company to (i) comply with the asset coverage requirements of the Investment Company Act of 1940, whether or not it is subject to those requirements, and (ii) provide financial information to the holders of the Notes and the Trustee if the Company is no longer subject to the reporting requirements under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. These covenants are subject to important limitations and exceptions that are described in the Indenture.

The Notes were offered and sold pursuant to the Registration Statement on Form N-2 (File No. 333-237974), the preliminary prospectus filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on January 14, 2021, the pricing term sheet filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on January 15, 2021 and the final prospectus supplement dated January 14, 2021. The transaction closed on January 22, 2021.

The foregoing descriptions of the Seventh Supplemental Indenture and the Notes do not purport to be complete and are qualified in their entirety by reference to the full text of the Seventh Supplemental Indenture and the Notes, respectively, each filed as exhibits hereto and incorporated by reference herein.

Item 2.03. Creation of a Direct Financial Obligation or an Obligation under an Off-Balance Sheet Arrangement of a Registrant.

The information required by Item 2.03 is contained in Item 1.01 of this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated by reference herein.

Item 8.01. Other Events.

On January 14, 2021, the Company entered into an underwriting agreement (the "Underwriting Agreement") with Keefe Bruyette & Woods, Inc., as representative of the several underwriters named in Schedule A thereto (the "Underwriters"), in connection with the issuance, offer and sale of the Notes. In addition, pursuant to the Underwriting Agreement, the Company granted an option to the Underwriters to purchase up to an additional \$15,000,000 aggregate principal amount of the Notes, which the Underwriters fully exercised pursuant to a notice issued on January 21, 2021.

The foregoing description of the Underwriting Agreement does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the Underwriting Agreement filed with this report as Exhibit 1.1 and which is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**(d) Exhibits.**

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4.1	Seventh Supplemental Indenture dated of January 22, 2021 between Newtek Business Services Corp. and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee.
4.2	Form of 5.50 % Notes due 2026 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 and Exhibit A therein).
5.1	Opinion of Eversheds Sutherland (US) LLP
23.1	Consent of Eversheds Sutherland (US) LLP (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 5.1)

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.

Date: January 22, 2021

NEWTEK BUSINESS SERVICES CORP.

By: _____ /s/ BARRY SLOANE
Barry Sloane
Chief Executive Officer, President and Chairman of the Board

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NEWTEK BUSINESS SERVICES CORP.

5.50% NOTES DUE 2026

Underwriting Agreement

Dated as of January 14, 2021

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UNDERWRITING AGREEMENT

January 14, 2021

Keefe, Bruyette & Woods, Inc.
As Representative of the several Underwriters
named in Schedule A hereto

Keefe, Bruyette & Woods, Inc.
787 7th Avenue
4th Floor
New York, NY 10019

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Newtek Business Services Corp., a Maryland corporation (the “**Company**”), proposes to issue and sell to the several underwriters named in Schedule A (the “**List of the Underwriters**”) attached hereto (collectively, the “**Underwriters**”) a total of \$100,000,000 in aggregate principal amount of 5.50% Notes due 2026 of the Company (the “**Firm Offered Notes**”) in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in this Underwriting Agreement (the “**Agreement**”). In addition, the Company has granted to the Underwriters an option to purchase up to an aggregate principal amount of \$15,000,000 of 5.50% Notes due 2026 of the Company (the “**Optional Offered Notes**”), as provided in Section 3 (“**Purchase, Sale, and Delivery of the Offered Notes**”). The Firm Offered Notes and, if and to the extent such option is exercised, the Optional Offered Notes are collectively called the “**Offered Notes.**” Keefe, Bruyette & Woods, Inc. (“**Keefe, Bruyette & Woods**”) has agreed to act as Representative of the several Underwriters (in such capacity, the “**Representative**”) in connection with the offering and sale of the Offered Notes.

The Notes will be issued under the Indenture, dated as of September 23, 2015 (the “**Base Indenture**”), as supplemented by the Seventh Supplemental Indenture to be entered into in connection with the issuance of the Offered Notes (the “**Seventh Supplemental Indenture**” and, together with the Base Indenture, the “**Indenture**”), in each case, by and between the Company and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee (the “**Trustee**”). The Offered Notes will be issued to Cede & Co., as nominee of the Depository Trust Company (“**DTC**”) pursuant to a blanket letter of representations (the “**DTC Agreement**”), between the Company and DTC. The Indenture has been duly qualified under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended (the “**1939 Act**”).

Section 1. Introduction

On October 1, 2013, the Company filed Form N-6F with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “**Commission**”) under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, including the rules and regulations of the Commission promulgated thereunder (collectively, the “**1940 Act**”), pursuant to which the Company announced its intention to elect to be regulated as a business development company (“**BDC**”).

On November 12, 2014, Newtek Business Services, Inc., a New York corporation (the “**Predecessor Company**”), merged with and into the Company (the “**Merger**”). In connection with the Merger, all issued and outstanding shares of common stock of the Predecessor Company were converted into shares of the Company’s common stock, par value \$0.02 per share (the “**Common Stock**”). For purposes of this Agreement, unless the context otherwise requires, references to the Company shall be deemed to include the Predecessor Company for periods prior to the completion of the Merger.

On November 12, 2014, the Company filed with the Commission a Form N-54A Notification to be Subject to Sections 55 through 65 of the 1940 Act (the “**1940 Act Notification**”) under the 1940 Act, pursuant to which the Company elected to be regulated as a BDC. The Company has elected to be treated for tax purposes as a regulated investment company (“**RIC**”) within the meaning of Section 851(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “**Code**”).

The Company has prepared and filed with the Commission a registration statement on Form N-2 (File No. 333-237974), covering the registration of the offering and sale of the Offered Notes and certain of the Company’s other securities under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (including the rules and regulations of the Commission promulgated thereunder, the “**Securities Act**”), which registration statement has been declared effective by the Commission. Such registration statement, including any post-effective amendments thereto, the exhibits thereto and any schedules thereto, at the time the registration statement or any post-effective amendments thereto became effective, and including any information that is deemed to be part thereof pursuant to Rule 430B of the Securities Act, is herein called the “**Registration Statement**.” Any registration statement filed pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act is herein called the “**Rule 462(b) Registration Statement**,” and after such filing the term “Registration Statement” shall include the Rule 462(b) Registration Statement. The Company has also filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424 under the Securities Act a preliminary prospectus supplement, dated January 14, 2021, relating to the Offered Notes (the “**Preliminary Prospectus Supplement**” and together with the base prospectus, dated June 9, 2020, included therewith (the “**Base Prospectus**”), collectively, the “**Preliminary Prospectus**”). The final prospectus supplement in the form filed by the Company with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424 under the Securities Act relating to the Offered Notes on or before the second business day after the date hereof (or such earlier time as may be required under the Securities Act), together with the Base Prospectus, is herein called the “**Prospectus**.”

For purposes of this Agreement, all references to the Registration Statement, the Preliminary Prospectus, the Prospectus or any amendments or supplements to any of the foregoing shall be deemed to include any copy filed with the Commission pursuant to its Electronic Data Gathering, Analysis and Retrieval system or any successor system (“**EDGAR**”).

The Company hereby confirms its agreements with the Underwriters as follows:

Section 2. Representations and Warranties of the Company. The Company hereby represents, warrants, and covenants to each Underwriter as follows:

(a) The Company meets the requirements for use of Form N-2 under the Securities Act and the Securities Act Regulations; each of the Registration Statement, any Rule 462(b) Registration Statement and any post-effective amendment thereto has become effective under the Securities Act and no stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement, any Rule 462(b) Registration Statement or any post-effective amendment thereto has been issued under the Securities Act, no order preventing or suspending the use of the Preliminary Prospectus or the Prospectus has been issued and no proceedings for any of those purposes have been instituted or are pending or, to the knowledge of the Company, are contemplated by the Commission, and any request on the part of the Commission for additional information has been complied with by the Company.

(b) (1) At the respective times the Registration Statement, any Rule 462(b) Registration Statement and any post-effective amendments thereto became effective, at the Applicable Time (as defined below) and at the Closing Date (as defined below) (and, if any Optional Offered Notes are purchased, at the Second Closing Date (as defined below)), the Registration Statement, any Rule 462(b) Registration Statement and any post-effective amendments thereto, as the case may be, complied and will comply in all material respects with the requirements of the Securities Act and did not and will not contain an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading, and (2) at the time the Prospectus or any amendments or supplements thereto were issued and at the Closing Date (and, if any Optional Offered Notes are purchased, at the Second Closing Date), neither the Prospectus nor any amendment or supplement thereto included or will include an untrue statement of a material fact or omitted or will omit to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; **provided that** the representations and warranties in clauses (1) and (2) above shall not apply to statements in or omissions from the Registration Statement or the Prospectus made in reliance upon and in conformity with information furnished to the Company in writing by any Underwriter through the Representative expressly for use in the Registration Statement or Prospectus or any amendment or supplement thereto, it being understood and agreed that the only such information provided by any Underwriter is that described as such in Section 8(b) hereof, or the part of the Registration Statement that constitutes the Statement of Eligibility and Qualification under the 1939 Act (Form T-1) of the Trustee under the Indenture. The Commission has issued no order preventing or suspending the use of the Preliminary Prospectus or the Prospectus.

The Preliminary Prospectus and the Prospectus as originally filed or as part of any amendment thereto, or filed pursuant to Rule 424 under the Securities Act, complied when so filed as to form in all material respects with the requirements of the Securities Act and the Preliminary Prospectus and the Prospectus delivered to the Underwriters for use in connection with this offering were identical in all material respects to the electronically transmitted copies thereof filed with the Commission pursuant to EDGAR, except to the extent permitted by Regulation S-T.

(c) For the purposes of this Agreement, the “**Applicable Time**” is 5:30 p.m. (Eastern time) on the date of this Agreement; the Preliminary Prospectus as supplemented by the information set forth in Schedule B (“**Pricing Terms**”) attached hereto, taken together (collectively, the “**General Disclosure Package**”) as of the Applicable Time, did not include any

untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; **provided that** this representation and warranty shall not apply to statements in or omissions from the General Disclosure Package made in reliance upon and in conformity with information furnished to the Company in writing by any Underwriter through the Representative expressly for use in the General Disclosure Package, it being understood and agreed that the only such information provided by any Underwriter is that described as such in Section 8(b) hereof.

(d) The Company will file a registration statement on Form 8-A under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder (collectively, the “**1934 Act**”), registering the Offered Notes pursuant to Section 12(b) of the 1934 Act, and will take no action designed to, or likely to have the effect of, terminating the registration of the Offered Notes under the 1934 Act.

(e) This Agreement has been duly authorized, executed, and delivered by the Company. The Company has full right, power and authority to execute and deliver this Agreement and to perform its obligations hereunder; and all action required to be taken for the due and proper authorization, execution and delivery by it of this Agreement and the consummation by it of the transactions contemplated hereby have been duly and validly taken.

(f) The Offered Notes have been duly authorized for issuance and sale pursuant to this Agreement and, when issued and delivered by the Company and paid for by the Underwriters pursuant to this Agreement, will be validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable, and will constitute valid and binding obligations of the Company, enforceable against the Company in accordance with its terms, subject, as to enforcement, to applicable bankruptcy, reorganization, insolvency, moratorium or other laws affecting creditors’ rights generally and to general principles of equity (regardless of whether enforcement is considered in a proceeding in equity or law). The Offered Notes conform in all material respects to the description thereof contained in the General Disclosure Package and the Final Prospectus.

(g) There are no persons with registration or other similar rights to have any equity or debt securities of the Company registered for sale under the Registration Statement or included in the offering contemplated by this Agreement, except for such rights as have been duly waived by the holder or holders thereof.

(h) Since the date of the most recent financial statements of the Company included in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, (i) there has not been any change in the capital stock or long-term debt of the Company or any of its consolidated subsidiaries, or any dividend or distribution of any kind declared, set aside for payment, paid or made by the Company on any class of capital stock, or any material adverse change, or any development involving a prospective material adverse change, in or affecting the business, properties, management, financial position, stockholders’ equity, results of operations or prospects of the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries taken as a whole (any such change is called a “**Material Adverse Change**”); (ii) neither the Company nor any of its consolidated subsidiaries has entered into any transaction or agreement that is material to the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries taken as a whole or incurred any liability or obligation, direct or contingent, that is material to the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries taken as a whole;

and (iii) neither the Company nor any of its consolidated subsidiaries has sustained any material loss or interference with its business from fire, explosion, flood or other calamity, whether or not covered by insurance, or from any labor disturbance or dispute or any action, order or decree of any court or arbitrator or governmental or regulatory authority, except, in each case, as otherwise disclosed in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus.

(i) RSM US LLP, who has certified certain financial statements of the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries, is an independent registered public accounting firm with respect to the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries within the applicable rules and regulations adopted by the Commission and the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) (the “PCAOB”) and as required by the Securities Act.

(j) The financial statements and the related notes thereto of the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries included in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus comply in all material respects with the applicable requirements of the Securities Act and present fairly the financial position of the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries as of the dates indicated and the results of their operations and the changes in their cash flows for the periods specified; such financial statements have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a consistent basis throughout the periods covered thereby, and the supporting schedules included in the Registration Statement present fairly the information required to be stated therein; and the selected financial data and the summary financial data included in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus present fairly the information shown therein and have been compiled on a basis consistent with that of the financial statements included in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus.

(k) The Company maintains a system of “internal control over financial reporting” (as defined in Rule 13a-15(f) of the 1934 Act) that complies with the requirements of the 1934 Act and have been designed by, or under the supervision of, their respective principal executive and principal financial officers, or persons performing similar functions, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, including, but not limited to internal accounting controls sufficient to provide reasonable assurance that (i) transactions are executed in accordance with management’s general or specific authorizations; (ii) transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles and to maintain asset accountability; (iii) access to assets is permitted only in accordance with management’s general or specific authorization; and (iv) the recorded accountability for assets is compared with the existing assets at reasonable intervals and appropriate action is taken with respect to any differences. Except as disclosed in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, there are no material weaknesses in the Company’s internal controls.

(l) The Company maintains an effective system of “disclosure controls and procedures” (as defined in Rule 13a-15(e) of the 1934 Act) that is designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by the Company in reports that it files or submits under the 1934 Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the Commission’s rules and forms, including controls and procedures designed to ensure that

such information is accumulated and communicated to the Company's management, including its principal executive officer(s) and principal financial officer(s), as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure. The Company has carried out evaluations of the effectiveness of its disclosure controls and procedures as required by Rule 13a-15 of the 1934 Act.

(m) Nothing has come to the attention of the Company that has caused the Company to believe that the statistical and market-related data included in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus is not based on or derived from sources that are reliable and accurate in all material respects.

(n) Each of the Company and Newtek Small Business Finance, LLC has been duly incorporated, formed or organized and is validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the jurisdiction of its incorporation, formation or organization and has the entity power and authority to own, lease, and operate its properties and to conduct its business as described in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus. The Company is duly qualified as a foreign entity to transact business and is in good standing in each jurisdiction in which such qualification is required, whether by reason of the ownership or leasing of property or the conduct of business, except for such jurisdictions where the failure to so qualify or to be in good standing would not, individually or in the aggregate, result in a Material Adverse Change.

(o) The Company does not own or control, directly or indirectly, any corporation, association, or other entity other than the entities described in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus.

(p) The authorized, issued, and outstanding capital stock of the Company are as set forth in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus under the caption "Description of Our Capital Stock" (other than for subsequent issuances, if any, pursuant to employee benefit plans described in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus or upon exercise of outstanding options or warrants described therein). The Common Stock conforms in all material respects to the description thereof contained under the caption "Description of Our Capital Stock" in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus. All of the issued and outstanding shares of Common Stock have been duly authorized and validly issued, are fully paid and non-assessable. None of the outstanding shares of Common Stock were issued in violation of any preemptive rights, rights of first refusal, or other similar rights to subscribe for or purchase securities of the Company. There are no authorized or outstanding options, warrants, preemptive rights, rights of first refusal, or other rights to purchase or equity or debt securities convertible into, exchangeable or exercisable for, any capital stock of the Company or any of its consolidated subsidiaries other than those described in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus. The description of the Company's stock option, stock bonus, and other stock plans or arrangements, and the options or other rights granted thereunder, set forth in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus accurately and fairly presents the information required to be shown with respect to such plans, arrangements, options, and rights.

(q) The Company will use its best efforts to list, subject to notice of issuance, and maintain the listing of, the Offered Notes on the Nasdaq Global Market within thirty (30) calendar days of the Applicable Time.

(r) Neither the Company nor any of its consolidated subsidiaries is in violation of its charter or by-laws or is in default (or, with the giving of notice or lapse of time, would be in default) (“**Default**”) under any indenture, mortgage, deed of trust, loan or credit agreement, note, contract, franchise, lease or other instrument to which the Company or any of its consolidated subsidiaries is a party or by which it or any of them may be bound, or to which any of the property or assets of the Company or any of its consolidated subsidiaries is subject (each, an “**Existing Instrument**”) except for such Defaults as would not, individually or in the aggregate, result in a Material Adverse Change.

(s) The issuance and sale of the Offered Notes, the execution of this Agreement and the Indenture and the compliance by the Company with all of the provisions of this Agreement and the Indenture, and consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby and by the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus: (i) will not result in any violation of the provisions of the charter or by-laws of the Company, (ii) will not conflict with or constitute a breach of, or Default under, or result in the creation or imposition of any lien, charge, or encumbrance upon any property or assets of the Company or any of its consolidated subsidiaries pursuant to, or require the consent of any other party to, any Existing Instrument, except for such conflicts, breaches, Defaults, liens, charges, or encumbrances as would not, individually or in the aggregate, result in a Material Adverse Change, and (iii) no consent, approval, authorization, order, registration or qualification of or with any such court or governmental agency or body is required for the issue and sale of the Offered Notes or the consummation by the Company of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement and the Indenture, except the registration under the Securities Act of the Offered Notes and such consents, approvals, authorizations, registrations or qualifications as may be required under state securities or Blue Sky laws or the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. (“**FINRA**”) in connection with the purchase and distribution of the Offered Notes by the Underwriters.

(t) Except as described in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, there are no legal or governmental proceedings pending to which the Company or any of its consolidated subsidiaries is a party or of which any property of the Company or of its consolidated subsidiaries is the subject which, if determined adversely to the Company, individually or in the aggregate, would have or may reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Change, or would prevent or impair the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement; and, to the best of the Company’s knowledge, no such proceedings are overtly threatened by governmental authorities or others.

(u) No material labor dispute with the employees of the Company or any of its consolidated subsidiaries exists or, to the best knowledge of the Company, is threatened or imminent. The Company is not aware of any existing or imminent labor disturbance by the employees of any of its principal suppliers that might be expected to result in a Material Adverse Change.

(v) Except as otherwise disclosed in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries own or possess sufficient trademarks, trade names, patent rights, patents, know-how, collaborative research agreements, inventions, servicemarks, copyrights, licenses, approvals, trade secrets, and other similar rights (collectively, “**Intellectual Property Rights**”) necessary to conduct their businesses as now conducted, as proposed to be conducted, as described in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus. The expiration of any of such Intellectual Property Rights would not result in a Material Adverse Change. Neither the Company nor any of its consolidated subsidiaries has received any notice of, and has no knowledge of, any infringement of or conflict with asserted rights of the Company or any of its consolidated subsidiaries by others with respect to any Intellectual Property Rights. There is no claim being made against the Company or any of its consolidated subsidiaries regarding any kind of Intellectual Property Right. The Company and its consolidated subsidiaries do not, in the conduct of their business as now or proposed to be conducted as described in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, infringe or conflict with any right or patent of any third party, or any discovery, invention, product, or process which is the subject of a patent application filed by any third party, known to the Company or any of its consolidated subsidiaries, which such infringement or conflict is reasonably likely to result in a Material Adverse Change.

(w) The Company and its consolidated subsidiaries possess all permits, licenses, approvals, consents and other authorizations (collectively, “**Permits**”) issued by the appropriate federal, state, local or foreign regulatory agencies or bodies necessary to conduct the businesses now operated by them; the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries are in compliance with the terms and conditions of all such Permits and all of the Permits are valid and in full force and effect, except, in each case, where the failure so to comply or where the invalidity of such Permits or the failure of such Permits to be in full force and effect, individually or in the aggregate, would not have a Material Adverse Change; and the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries have not received any notice of proceedings relating to the revocation or material modification of any such Permits.

(x) The Company and its consolidated subsidiaries have good and marketable title to all real and personal property and good and marketable title to all other properties and assets reflected as owned in the financial statements referred to in Section 2(j) above (or elsewhere in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus), in each case free and clear of any security interests, mortgages, pledges, liens, encumbrances, equities, claims, and other defects or restrictions of any kind, except as described in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus. The real property, improvements, buildings, equipment, and personal property held under lease by the Company or its consolidated subsidiaries are held under valid and enforceable leases, with such exceptions as are not material and do not materially interfere with the use made or proposed to be made of such real property, improvements, equipment, or personal property by the Company or its consolidated subsidiaries.

(y) All United States federal income tax returns of the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries required by law to be filed have been filed and all taxes shown by such returns or otherwise assessed, which are due and payable, have been paid, except assessments against which appeals have been or will be promptly taken and as to which adequate reserves have been

provided. The Company and its consolidated subsidiaries have filed all other tax returns that are required to have been filed by them pursuant to applicable foreign, state, local or other law, except insofar as the failure to file such returns, individually or in the aggregate, would not result in a Material Adverse Change, and have paid all taxes due pursuant to such returns or pursuant to any assessment received by the Company or any of its consolidated subsidiaries except for such taxes, if any, as are being contested in good faith and as to which adequate reserves have been provided. The charges, accruals and reserves on the books of the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries in respect of any income and corporation tax liability for any years not finally determined are adequate to meet any assessments or re-assessments for additional income tax for any years not finally determined.

(z) The Company and its consolidated subsidiaries are insured by recognized, financially sound, and reputable institutions with policies in such amounts and with such deductibles and covering such risks as are generally deemed adequate and customary for their businesses including, but not limited to, policies covering real and personal property owned or leased by the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries against theft, damage, destruction, acts of vandalism, earthquakes, general liability, and Directors and Officers liability. The Company has no reason to believe that it will not be able to (i) renew its existing insurance coverage as and when such policies expire, or (ii) obtain comparable coverage from similar institutions as may be necessary or appropriate to conduct its business as now conducted and at a cost that would not result in a Material Adverse Change.

(aa) Neither the Company nor, to the Company's knowledge after due inquiry, any of its directors, officers or other affiliates has (i) taken and will not take, directly or indirectly, any action which constitutes, was designed to cause or to result in, or that might be expected to constitute, the stabilization or manipulation (including, without limitation, as defined in Regulation M under the 1934 Act ("**Regulation M**")) of the price of any security of the Company to facilitate the issuance or the sale or resale of the Offered Notes.

(bb) Except as otherwise disclosed in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, neither the Company nor any of its consolidated subsidiaries nor, to the best knowledge of the Company, any director, officer, agent, employee or other person associated with or acting on behalf of the Company or any of its consolidated subsidiaries has (i) used any corporate funds for any unlawful contribution, gift, entertainment or other unlawful expense relating to political activity; (ii) made any direct or indirect unlawful payment to any foreign or domestic government official or employee from corporate funds; (iii) violated or is in violation of any provision of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act of 1977; or (iv) made any bribe, rebate, payoff, influence payment, kickback or other unlawful payment.

(cc) Except as otherwise disclosed in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, the operations of the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries are and have been conducted at all times in compliance with applicable financial recordkeeping and reporting requirements of the Currency and Foreign Transactions Reporting Act of 1970, as amended, the money laundering statutes of all jurisdictions, the rules and regulations thereunder and any related or similar rules, regulations or guidelines, issued, administered or enforced by any governmental agency (collectively, the "**Money Laundering Laws**") and no action, suit or proceeding by or before any court or governmental agency,

authority or body or any arbitrator involving the Company or any of its consolidated subsidiaries with respect to the Money Laundering Laws is pending or, to the best knowledge of the Company, threatened.

(dd) None of the Company, any of its consolidated subsidiaries or, to the knowledge of the Company, any director, officer, agent, employee or affiliate of the Company or any of its consolidated subsidiaries is currently subject to any U.S. sanctions administered by the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the U.S. Department of the Treasury (“**OFAC**”); and the Company will not directly or indirectly use the proceeds of the offering of the Offered Notes hereunder, or lend, contribute or otherwise make available such proceeds to any subsidiary, joint venture partner or other person or entity, for the purpose of financing the activities of any person currently subject to any U.S. sanctions administered by OFAC.

(ee) There is and has been no failure on the part of the Company or any of the Company’s directors or officers, in their capacities as such, to comply with any provision of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 and the rules and regulations promulgated in connection therewith (the “**Sarbanes-Oxley Act**”), including Section 402 related to loans and Sections 302 and 906 related to certifications.

(ff) Except as described in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, the Company is not in violation of any statute or any rule, regulation, decision or order of any governmental agency or body or any court, domestic or foreign, relating to the use, production, disposal or release of hazardous or toxic substances or relating to the protection or restoration of the environment or human exposure to hazardous or toxic substances (collectively, “**Environmental Laws**”), owns or operates any real property contaminated with any substance that is subject to any Environmental Laws, is liable for any off-site disposal or contamination pursuant to any Environmental Laws, or is subject to any claim relating to any Environmental Laws, which violation, contamination, liability or claim, individually or in the aggregate, would have a Material Adverse Change; and the Company is not aware of any pending investigation which might lead to such a claim.

(gg) Except as otherwise disclosed in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, each employee benefit plan, within the meaning of Section 3(3) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended (“**ERISA**”), that is maintained, administered or contributed to by the Company for employees or former employees of the Company and its affiliates is, and has been maintained, in compliance with its terms and the requirements of any applicable statutes, orders, rules and regulations, including but not limited to ERISA and the Code, except to the extent that failure to so comply, individually or in the aggregate, would not have a Material Adverse Change. No prohibited transaction, within the meaning of Section 406 of ERISA or Section 4975 of the Code has occurred with respect to any such plan excluding transactions effected pursuant to a statutory or administrative exemption.

(hh) The Company is a closed-end, non-diversified management investment company and has elected to be regulated as a BDC under the 1940 Act, has duly filed the 1940 Act Notification with the Commission and is eligible to make such an election; the 1940 Act Notification when originally filed with the Commission and any amendment or supplement

thereto when filed with the Commission did or will, comply in all material respects, with the applicable requirements of the 1940 Act; the Company has not filed with the Commission any notice of withdrawal of the 1940 Act Notification; the 1940 Act Notification remains in full force and effect, and, to the Company's knowledge, no order of suspension or revocation of such election under the 1940 Act has been issued or proceedings therefore initiated or threatened by the Commission; the operations of the Company are in compliance in all material respects with the provisions of the 1940 Act.

(ii) Except as disclosed in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, no director of the Company is an "interested person" (as defined in the 1940 Act) of the Company or an "affiliated person" (as defined in the 1940 Act) of any Underwriter.

(jj) The Company has taken all required action under the Securities Act and the 1940 Act to make the public offering and consummate the sale of the Offered Notes as contemplated by this Agreement.

(kk) All advertising, literature or other promotional material (including "prospectus wrappers," "broker kits," "road show slides" and "road show scripts"), whether in printed or electronic form, authorized in writing by or prepared by the Company for use in connection with the offering and sale of the Offered Notes (collectively, "**Sales Material**") complied and comply in all material respects with the applicable requirements of the Securities Act and the 1940 Act and, if required to be filed with FINRA under FINRA's conduct rules, were provided to Baker & Hostetler LLP, counsel for the Underwriters, for filing; no sales material contained or contains an untrue statement of a material fact or omitted or omits to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading.

(ll) The Company's directors' and officers' errors and omissions insurance policy and its fidelity bond required by Rule 17g-1 of the 1940 Act will be in full force and effect; the Company is in compliance with the terms of such policy and fidelity bond in all material respects; and there are no claims by the Company under any such policy or fidelity bond as to which any insurance company is denying liability or defending under a reservation of rights clause.

(mm) The Company is in compliance with the requirements of Subchapter M of the Code necessary to qualify as a RIC; the Company intends to direct the investment of the net proceeds of the offering of the Offered Notes and to continue to conduct its activities in such a manner as to comply with the requirements for qualification and taxation as a RIC under Subchapter M of the Code; the Company has elected to be treated, and intends to qualify annually thereafter, as a RIC under Subchapter M of the Code.

(nn) Each of the Base Indenture and the Seventh Supplemental Indenture has been duly authorized and, when duly executed and delivered in accordance with its terms by each of the parties thereto, will constitute a valid and binding agreement of the Company, enforceable against the Company in accordance with its terms, subject, as to enforcement, to applicable bankruptcy, reorganization, insolvency, moratorium or other laws affecting creditors' rights generally and to general principles of equity (regardless of whether enforcement is considered in

a proceeding in equity or law). The Indenture conforms in all material respects to the requirements of the Trust Indenture Act and the rules and regulations of the Commission applicable to an indenture that is qualified thereunder. The Indenture conforms in all material respects to the description thereof contained in the General Disclosure Package and the Final Prospectus.

(oo) The Company has duly authorized, executed and delivered any agreements pursuant to which it made the investments described or incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus under the caption "Portfolio Companies" (each a "**Portfolio Company Agreement**") with corporations or other entities (each a "**Portfolio Company**"). To the Company's knowledge, except as disclosed in the General Disclosure Package and the Final Prospectus, each Portfolio Company is current with respect to all of its material obligations under the applicable Portfolio Company Agreements, no event of default (or a default which with the giving of notice or the passage of time would become an event of default) has occurred under such agreements.

(pp) The operations of the Company are in compliance in all material respects with the provisions of the 1940 Act.

(qq) Any certificate signed by an officer of the Company and delivered to the Underwriters or to counsel for the Underwriters shall be deemed to be a representation and warranty by the Company to each Underwriter as to the matters set forth therein.

(rr) Except pursuant to this Agreement, there is no broker, finder or other party that is entitled to receive from the Company any brokerage or finder's fee or other fee or commission as a result of any transactions contemplated by this Agreement.

(ss) The Company (i) has adopted and implemented written policies and procedures reasonably designed to prevent violation of the Federal Securities Laws (as that term is defined in Rule 38a-1 under the 1940 Act) by the Company and (ii) is conducting its business in compliance with all laws, rules, regulations, decisions, directives and orders applicable to the Company, except in the case of (i) and (ii) as would not, either individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to, result in a Material Adverse Change.

Section 3. Purchase, Sale and Delivery of the Offered Notes.

(a) The Company agrees to issue and sell to the several Underwriters the Firm Offered Notes upon the terms herein set forth. On the basis of the representations, warranties, and agreements herein contained, and upon the terms but subject to the conditions herein set forth, the Underwriters agree, severally and not jointly, to purchase from the Company the aggregate principal amount of Firm Offered Notes set forth opposite their names on Schedule A (the "**List of the Underwriters**") attached hereto. The purchase price for the Firm Offered Notes to be paid by the several Underwriters to the Company shall be 97.0% of the aggregate principal amount thereof (representing a public offering price of 100%, less an underwriting discount of 3.0%) (the "**Purchase Price**").

(b) The Company shall deliver the Firm Offered Notes to be purchased by the Underwriters through the facilities of DTC against payment of the Purchase Price therefor in

Federal (same day) funds by official bank check or checks or wire transfer drawn to the order of the Company and payment therefor at the offices of Baker & Hostetler LLP, 45 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, New York 10111-0100 (or such other place as may be agreed to by the Company and the Representative) at 10:00 a.m. New York City time, on January 22, 2021, or such other time and date not later than 10:00 a.m. New York City time, not later than three (3) full business days thereafter as the Representative shall designate by notice to the Company (the time and date of such closing are called the “**First Closing Date**”); *provided, however*, that if the Company has not made available to the Representative copies of the Prospectus within the time provided in Section 3(g) and Section 4(d) hereof, the Representative may, in their sole discretion, postpone the First Closing Date until no later than three (3) full business days following delivery of copies of the Prospectus to the Representative. The Company hereby acknowledges that circumstances under which the Representative may provide notice to postpone the First Closing Date as originally scheduled include, but are in no way limited to, any determination by the Company or the Representative to recirculate to the public copies of an amended or supplemented Prospectus or a delay as contemplated by the provisions of Section 9 (the “**Default of One or More of the Several Underwriters**”).

(c) In addition, on the basis of the representations, warranties, and agreements herein contained, and upon the terms but subject to the conditions herein set forth, the Company hereby grants an option to the several Underwriters to purchase, severally and not jointly, up to an aggregate principal amount of \$15,000,000 of Optional Offered Notes from the Company at the Purchase Price (without interest accruing from the First Closing Date to the relevant date of delivery of the Optional Offered Notes). The option granted hereunder is for use by the Underwriters solely in covering any over-allotments in connection with the sale and distribution of the Firm Offered Notes. The option granted hereunder may be exercised in whole or in part at any time (but not more than once) upon notice by the Representative, which notice may be given at any time within thirty (30) days from the date of this Agreement. Such notice shall set forth (i) the aggregate number of Optional Offered Notes as to which the Underwriters are exercising the option, (ii) the names and denominations in which the Optional Offered Notes are to be registered, and (iii) the time, date, and place at which the Optional Offered Notes will be delivered (which time and date may be simultaneous with, but not earlier than, the First Closing Date, and in such case the term “First Closing Date” shall refer to the time and date of delivery of the Firm Offered Notes and the Optional Offered Notes). Such time and date of delivery of the Optional Offered Notes, if subsequent to the First Closing Date, is called the “**Second Closing Date**” and shall be determined by the Representative and shall not be earlier than three (3) nor later than five (5) full business days after delivery of such notice of exercise. The First Closing Date and the Second Closing Date are each a “**Closing Date**” as referenced herein. If any Optional Offered Notes are to be purchased, (i) each Underwriter agrees, severally and not jointly, to purchase such number of Optional Offered Notes, provided that no Optional Offered Note shall be issued in a denomination of less than \$25, that bears the same proportion to the total number of Optional Offered Notes to be purchased by the Underwriters hereunder as the number of Firm Offered Notes set forth on Schedule A (the “**List of the Underwriters**”) attached hereto opposite the name of such Underwriter bears to the total number of Firm Offered Notes to be purchased by the Underwriters hereunder and (ii) the Company agrees to sell to such Underwriter such number of Optional Offered Notes, provided that no Optional Offered Note shall be issued in a denomination of less than \$25, that bears the same proportion to the total number of Optional Offered Notes to be purchased by the Underwriters

hereunder as the number of Firm Offered Notes set forth on Schedule A (the “**List of the Underwriters**”) attached hereto opposite the name of such Underwriter bears to the total number of Firm Offered Notes to be purchased by the Underwriters hereunder. The Representative may cancel the option or exercise thereof at any time prior to its expiration by giving written notice of such cancellation to the Company.

(d) The Representative hereby advises the Company that the Underwriters intend to offer for sale to the public, as described in the Prospectus, their respective portions of the Offered Notes as soon after this Agreement has been executed as the Representative, in their sole judgment, have determined is advisable and practicable. The Company is further advised by the Representative that the Offered Notes are to be offered to the public initially at 100.0% of the aggregate principal amount thereto plus accrued interest, if any, from the date of issuance (the “**Public Offering Price**”) and to certain dealers selected by the Representative at the Public Offering Price less a concession not in excess of \$0.50 per Offered Note.

(e) Payment for the Offered Notes shall be made at the First Closing Date (and, if applicable, at the Second Closing Date) by wire transfer of immediately available funds to the order of the Company against delivery of such Offered Notes through the facilities of DTC. It is understood that the Representative has been authorized, for its own account and the accounts of the several Underwriters, to accept delivery of and receipt for, and make payment of the purchase price for, the Firm Offered Notes and any Optional Offered Notes that the Underwriters have agreed to purchase. Keefe, Bruyette & Woods, individually and not as Representative of the Underwriters, may (but shall not be obligated to) make payment for any Offered Notes to be purchased by any Underwriter whose funds shall not have been received by the Representative by the First Closing Date or the Second Closing Date, as the case may be, for the account of such Underwriter, but any such payment shall not relieve such Underwriter from any of its obligations under this Agreement.

(f) The Company shall deliver, or cause to be delivered, a credit representing the Firm Offered Notes to an account or accounts at DTC as designated by the Representative for the accounts of the Representative and the several Underwriters at the First Closing Date, against the irrevocable release of a wire transfer of immediately available funds for the amount of the purchase price therefor. The Company shall also deliver, or cause to be delivered, a credit representing the Optional Offered Notes that the Representative and the Underwriters have agreed to purchase to an account or accounts at DTC as designated by the Representative for the accounts of the Representative and the several Underwriters, at the Second Closing Date, against the irrevocable release of a wire transfer of immediately available funds for the amount of the purchase price therefor. The Company will cause the global securities representing the Firm Offered Notes or the Optional Offered Notes, as the case may be, in such denominations and registered in such names as the Representative requests to be made available for checking and packaging at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the First Closing Date or the Second Closing Date, as applicable, at the office of DTC or its designated custodian.

(g) Not later than 12:00 p.m. on the third (3rd) business day following the date that the Offered Notes are first released by the Underwriters for sale to the public, the Company shall deliver or cause to be delivered, copies of the Prospectus in such quantities and at such places as the Representative shall request.

Section 4. Additional Covenants of the Company. The Company further covenants and agrees with each Underwriter as follows:

(a) The Company will file the final Prospectus with the Commission within the time period specified by Rule 424 under the Securities Act and the Company will furnish, without charge, written and electronic copies of the Prospectus (to the extent not previously delivered) to the Underwriters prior to 10:00 a.m., New York City time, on the third (3rd) business day succeeding the date of this Agreement in such quantities as the Representative may reasonably request.

(b) The Company will deliver, without charge, (i) to the Representative, two (2) signed copies of the Registration Statement as originally filed and each amendment thereto, in each case including all exhibits and consents filed therewith; and (ii) to each Underwriter (A) a conformed copy of the Registration Statement as originally filed and each amendment thereto (without exhibits) and (B) during the Prospectus Delivery Period (as defined below), as many copies of the Prospectus (including all amendments and supplements thereto) in written and electronic form as the Representative may reasonably request and, in each case, hereby consents to the use of such copies for purposes permitted by the Securities Act. As used herein, the term “**Prospectus Delivery Period**” means such period of time after the first date of the public offering of the Offered Notes as in the opinion of counsel for the Underwriters a prospectus relating to the Offered Notes is required by law to be delivered (or required to be delivered but for Rule 172 under the Securities Act), or in lieu thereof, the notice referred to in Rule 173(a) under the Securities Act, in connection with sales of the Offered Notes by any Underwriter or dealer.

(c) Before filing any amendment or supplement to the Registration Statement, the Preliminary Prospectus or the Prospectus or any other filing permitted under the Securities Act to be made with the Commission in connection with the offering and sale of the Offered Notes, the Company will furnish to the Representative and counsel for the Underwriters a copy of the amendment or supplement or other filing for review and will not file any such proposed amendment or supplement or other filing to which the Representative reasonably objects.

(d) After the date of this Agreement, the Company shall promptly advise the Representative in writing of (i) the receipt of any comments of, or requests for any amendment to the Registration Statement or any amendment or supplement to the Prospectus or for additional or supplemental information from, the Commission, (ii) the time and date of any filing of any post-effective amendment to the Registration Statement or any amendment or supplement to the Preliminary Prospectus or the Prospectus (and to furnish the Representative with copies thereof), (iii) the time and date that any post-effective amendment to the Registration Statement becomes effective, and (iv) the issuance by the Commission of any stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement or any post-effective amendment thereto or of any order preventing or suspending the use of the Preliminary Prospectus, or the Prospectus, or of any proceedings to remove, suspend, or terminate from listing or quotation the Offered Notes from any securities exchange upon which it is listed for trading or included or designated for quotation, or of the threat or initiation of any proceedings for any of such purposes. If the Commission shall enter any such stop order at any time, the Company will use its best efforts to obtain the lifting of such order at the earliest possible moment.

(e) The Company will comply with the Securities Act so as to permit the completion of the distribution of the Offered Notes as contemplated in this Agreement and in the Prospectus. (1) If during the Prospectus Delivery Period, in the opinion of counsel to the Company or counsel to the Underwriters, (i) any event shall occur or condition shall exist as a result of which the Prospectus as then amended or supplemented would include any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact required to be stated therein or necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances existing when the Prospectus is delivered to a purchaser, not misleading or (ii) it is necessary to amend or supplement the Prospectus to comply with the Securities Act, the Company will immediately notify the Underwriters thereof and forthwith prepare and, subject to paragraph (c) above, file with the Commission and furnish to the Underwriters and to such dealers as the Representative may designate, such amendments or supplements to the Prospectus as may be necessary so that the statements in the Prospectus as so amended or supplemented will not, in the light of the circumstances existing when the Prospectus is delivered to a purchaser, be misleading or so that the Prospectus will comply with the Securities Act, and (2) if at any time prior to the First Closing Date, in the opinion of counsel to the Company or counsel to the Underwriters, (i) any event shall occur or condition shall exist as a result of which the General Disclosure Package as then amended or supplemented would include any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances, not misleading or (ii) it is necessary to amend or supplement the General Disclosure Package to comply with the Securities Act, the Company will immediately notify the Underwriters thereof and forthwith prepare and, subject to paragraph (c) above, file with the Commission (to the extent required) and furnish to the Underwriters and to such dealers as the Representative may designate, such amendments or supplements to the General Disclosure Package as may be necessary so that the statements in the General Disclosure Package as so amended or supplemented will not, in the light of the circumstances, be misleading or so that the General Disclosure Package will comply with the Securities Act.

(f) The Company shall cooperate with the Representative and counsel for the Underwriters to qualify or register the Offered Notes for sale under (or obtain exemptions from the application of) the state securities or Blue Sky laws, or the securities laws of those jurisdictions designated by the Representative, and will make such applications, file such documents, and furnish such information as may be required for that purpose. The Company shall comply with such laws and shall continue such qualifications, registrations, and exemptions in effect so long as required to continue such qualifications for so long a period as the Representative may request for the distribution of the Offered Notes. The Company shall not be required to qualify as a foreign corporation or to take any action that would subject it to general service of process in any such jurisdiction where it is not presently qualified or where it is not presently subject to taxation as a foreign corporation. The Company will advise the Representative promptly of the suspension of the qualification or registration of (or any such exemption relating to) the Offered Notes for offering, sale, or trading in any jurisdiction or any initiation or threat of any proceeding for any such purpose. In the event of the issuance of any order suspending such qualification, registration, or exemption, the Company shall use its best efforts to obtain the withdrawal thereof at the earliest possible moment. The Company will give the Representative notice of its intention to file or prepare any amendment to the Registration Statement (including any filing under Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act), or any amendment, supplement or revision to the Prospectus, will furnish the Representative with copies of any such

documents a reasonable amount of time prior to such proposed filing or use, as the case may be, and will not file or use any such document to which the Representative or counsel for the Underwriters shall reasonably object. If the Company elects to rely upon Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act, the Company will file a Rule 462(b) Registration Statement with the Commission in compliance with Rule 462(b) by 10:00 P.M., Washington, D.C. time, on the date of this Agreement, and at the time of filing either to pay to the Commission the filing fee for the Rule 462(b) Registration Statement or to give irrevocable instructions for the payment of such fee pursuant to Rule 111(b) under the Securities Act.

(g) If at any time during the ninety (90) day period after the date of this Agreement, any rumor, publication, or event relating to or affecting the Company shall occur, as a result of which, in the sole opinion of the Representative, the market price of the Offered Notes has been or is likely to be adversely affected (regardless of whether such rumor, publication, or event necessitates a supplement to or amendment of the Prospectus), the Company will, after written notice from the Representative advising the Company to the effect set forth above, forthwith prepare, consult with the Representative concerning the substance of and disseminate a press release, or other public statement, satisfactory to the Representative, responding to or commenting on such rumor, publication, or event.

(h) The Company shall apply the net proceeds it receives from the sale of the Offered Notes in the manner described under the caption "Use of Proceeds" in the Prospectus.

(i) The Company shall engage and maintain, at its expense, a registrar and transfer agent for the Offered Notes.

(j) The Company will timely file such reports pursuant to the 1934 Act as are necessary in order to make generally available (within the meaning of Section 11(a) of the Securities Act) to its security holders as soon as practicable, but in any event not later than twelve (12) months after the date hereof, an earnings statement in form complying with the provisions of Rule 158 under the Securities Act for the purposes of, and to provide the benefits contemplated by, the last paragraph of Section 11(a) of the Securities Act.

(k) During the Prospectus Delivery Period, the Company shall file, on a timely basis, with the Commission and The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC all reports and documents required to be filed under the 1934 Act.

(l) During the period of five (5) years hereafter, the Company will furnish as soon as practicable to the Representative at Keefe, Bruyette & Woods, 787 7th Avenue, 4th Floor, New York, NY 10019, Attention: Capital Markets to the extent not furnished or filed with the Commission, copies of all reports or other communications (financial or other) furnished generally to holders of its securities, copies of any reports and financial statements furnished to or filed with the Commission or any national securities exchange on which any class of securities of the Company is listed and such additional information concerning the business and financial condition of the Company as the Representative may from time to time reasonably request (such financial statements to be on a consolidated basis to the extent the accounts of the Company and the Subsidiaries are consolidated in reports furnished to its shareholders generally or to the Commission).

(m) The Company will not take, directly or indirectly, any action designed to or that could reasonably be expected to cause or result in any stabilization or manipulation of the price of the Offered Notes or otherwise violate Regulation M.

(n) The Company will use its best efforts to list, subject to notice of issuance, and maintain the listing of, the Offered Notes on the Nasdaq Global Market within thirty (30) calendar days of the Applicable Time.

(o) The Company will file all documents and information required to be filed with the Commission pursuant to Section 13, 14, or 15 of the 1934 Act or the Securities Act in the manner and within the time periods required by such statutes.

(p) The Company has elected to be taxable as a RIC within the meaning of Section 851(a) of the Code by timely filing its 2015 U.S. federal income tax return as a RIC on Internal Revenue Service Form 1120-RIC, and shall use its commercially reasonable efforts to maintain such qualification and election in effect for each taxable year during which it is a BDC under the 1940 Act.

(q) The Company, during a period of two (2) years from the date of this Agreement, will use its commercially reasonable efforts to maintain its status as a BDC; provided, however, the Company may change the nature of its business so as to cease to be, or to withdraw its election as, a BDC, with the approval of the board of directors and a vote of stockholders as required by Section 58 of the 1940 Act or any successor provision.

(r) The Company shall not, directly or indirectly, offer, pledge, sell, contract to pledge, contract to sell, grant any option for the sale of, exchange or otherwise transfer or dispose of any debt securities substantially similar to the Offered Notes issued or guaranteed by the Company or any securities convertible into, exchangeable or exercisable for debt securities substantially similar to the Offered Notes issued or guaranteed by the Company or file any registration statement under the Securities Act with respect to any of the foregoing for a period of thirty (30) days after the date of this Agreement.

(s) The Company acknowledges that (a) the Underwriters' research analysts and research departments are required to be independent from their respective investment banking divisions and are subject to certain regulations and internal policies and (b) the Underwriters' research analysts may hold views and make statements or investment recommendations and/or publish research reports with respect to the Company, the value of the Offered Notes, the Common Stock and/or the offering of the Offered Notes that differ from the views of their respective investment banking divisions. The Company hereby waives and releases, to the fullest extent permitted by law, any claims that it may have against the Underwriters with respect to any conflict of interest that may arise from the fact that the views expressed by the Underwriters' independent research analysts and research departments may be different from or inconsistent with the views or advice communicated to the Company by any Underwriter's investment banking division. The Company acknowledges that each of the Underwriters is a full service securities firm and as such, from time to time, subject to applicable securities laws, may effect transactions for its own account or the account of its customers and hold long or short positions in debt or equity securities of the Company.

The Representative, on behalf of the several Underwriters, may, in its sole discretion, waive in writing the performance by the Company of any one or more of the foregoing covenants or extend the time for their performance.

Section 5. Conditions of the Obligations of the Underwriters. The obligations of the several Underwriters to purchase and pay for the Firm Offered Notes as provided herein on the First Closing Date and, with respect to the Optional Offered Notes, the Second Closing Date, shall be subject to the accuracy of the representations and warranties on the part of the Company set forth in Section 2 (the “**Representations and Warranties**”) hereof as of the date hereof and as of the First Closing Date as though then made and, with respect to the Optional Offered Notes, as of the Second Closing Date as though then made, to the timely performance by the Company of its covenants and other obligations hereunder, and to each of the following additional conditions:

(a) On the date hereof, the Representative shall have received from RSM US LLP, independent registered public accounting firm for the Company, a letter dated the date hereof addressed to the Underwriters, in form and substance satisfactory to the Representative (the “**Original Comfort Letter**”), confirming that it is the independent registered public accounting firm with respect to the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries within the applicable rules and regulations adopted by the Commission and the PCAOB and as required by the Securities Act and containing statements and information of the type customarily included in accountants’ “comfort letters” to underwriters with respect to the financial statements and certain financial information contained in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus.

(b) The Representative shall have received on the First Closing Date and on the Second Closing Date, as the case may be, a letter (the “**Bring-down Comfort Letter**”) from RSM US LLP addressed to the Underwriters, dated the First Closing Date or the Second Closing Date, as the case may be, re-confirming that it is the independent registered public accounting firm with respect to the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries within the applicable rules and regulations adopted by the Commission and the PCAOB and as required by the Securities Act, and based upon the procedures described in the Original Comfort Letter, but carried out to a date not more than three (3) business days prior to the First Closing Date or the Second Closing Date, as the case may be, (i) confirming, to the extent true, that the statements and conclusions set forth in the Original Letter are accurate as of the First Closing Date or the Second Closing Date, as the case may be, and (ii) setting forth any revisions and additions to the statements and conclusions set forth in the Original Comfort Letter which are necessary to reflect any changes in the facts described in the Original Comfort Letter since the date of such letter, or to reflect the availability of more recent financial statements, data, or information.

(c) For the period from and after effectiveness of this Agreement and prior to the First Closing Date and, with respect to the Optional Offered Notes, prior to the Second Closing Date:

(i) the Company shall have filed the Prospectus with the Commission (including the information required by Rule 430B under the Securities Act (the “**Rule 430B Information**”)) in the manner and within the time period required by Rule 424

under the Securities Act; or the Company shall have filed a post-effective amendment to the Registration Statement containing the Rule 430B Information, and such post-effective amendment shall have become effective;

(ii) no stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement, any Rule 462(b) Registration Statement, or any post-effective amendment to the Registration Statement, shall be in effect and no proceedings for such purpose shall have been instituted or are pending, contemplated, or threatened by the Commission or any state securities commission;

(iii) any request of the Commission for additional information (to be included in the Registration Statement or the Prospectus or otherwise) shall have been complied with to the satisfaction of Underwriters' counsel; and

(iv) FINRA shall have confirmed in writing that it has raised no objection to the fairness and reasonableness of the underwriting terms and arrangements, provided the terms of sale of the Offered Notes are reviewed by FINRA.

(d) For the period from and after the date of this Agreement and prior to the First Closing Date and, with respect to the Optional Offered Notes, prior to the Second Closing Date, there shall not have occurred any downgrading, nor shall any notice have been given of any intended or potential downgrading or of any review for a possible change that does not indicate the direction of the possible change, in the rating accorded any securities of the Company or any of its consolidated subsidiaries by any "nationally recognized statistical rating organization" as such term is defined for purposes of Rule 436(g)(2) under the Securities Act.

(e) In the judgment of the Representative, (i) neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries shall have sustained since the date of the latest audited financial statements included in the Prospectus any material loss or interference with its business from fire, explosion, flood or other calamity, whether or not covered by insurance, or from any labor dispute or court or governmental action, order or decree, otherwise than as set forth or contemplated in the Preliminary Prospectus, and (ii) since the respective dates as of which information is given in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus, there shall not have occurred any Material Adverse Change, or any development that could reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Change, in the condition, financial or otherwise, earnings, operations, business, or prospects, whether or not arising from transaction in the ordinary course of business, of the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries, considered as one entity, from that set forth in the Registration Statement or the Prospectus, which makes it, in the sole judgment of the Representative, impracticable or inadvisable to proceed with the public offering or the delivery of the Offered Notes being delivered on the First Closing Date or Second Closing Date, as the case may be, as contemplated by the Prospectus.

(f) On each of the First Closing Date and the Second Closing Date, the Representative shall have received an opinion of Eversheds Sutherland (US) LLP, counsel for the Company, dated as of such Closing Date, in form and substance satisfactory to the Representative, and the Representative shall have received such additional number of conformed copies of such counsel's legal opinion as the Representative may reasonably request for each of

the several Underwriters. The Company shall have furnished to such counsel such documents as such may have requested for the purpose of enabling them to pass upon such matters.

(g) On each of the First Closing Date and the Second Closing Date, the Representative shall have received an opinion of Baker & Hostetler LLP, counsel for the Underwriters, dated as of such Closing Date, in form and substance satisfactory to the Representative, and the Representative shall have received such additional number of conformed copies of such counsel's legal opinion as the Representative may reasonably request for each of the several Underwriters. The Company shall have furnished to such counsel such documents as such may have requested for the purpose of enabling them to pass upon such matters.

(h) On each of the First Closing Date and the Second Closing Date, the Representative shall have received a written certificate executed by the Chairman of the Board, Chief Executive Officer or President of the Company and the Chief Financial Officer or Chief Accounting Officer of the Company, dated as of such Closing Date, to the effect set forth in Section 5(c)(ii) and (d) hereof, and further to the effect that:

(i) Subsequent to the respective dates as of which information is given in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and Prospectus, there has not been (a) any Material Adverse Change, (b) any transaction that is material to the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries, considered as one entity, except transactions entered into in the ordinary course of business, (c) any obligation, direct or contingent, that is material to the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries, considered as one entity, incurred by the Company or its consolidated subsidiaries, except obligations incurred in the ordinary course of business, (d) any change in the capital stock or outstanding indebtedness that is material to the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries, considered as one entity, (e) any dividend or distribution of any kind declared, paid, or made on the capital stock of the Company or any of its consolidated subsidiaries, or (f) any loss or damage (whether or not insured) to the property of the Company or any of its consolidated subsidiaries which has been sustained or will have been sustained which has a material adverse effect on the condition (financial or otherwise), earnings, operations, business, or business prospects of the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries, considered as one entity;

(ii) When the Registration Statement became effective and at all times subsequent thereto up to the delivery of such certificate, (a) the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, and any amendments or supplements thereto, contained all material information required to be included therein by the Securities Act, and in all material respects conformed to the requirements of the Securities Act; (b) the Registration Statement and any amendments or supplements thereto, did not and does not include any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading; (c) the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus and any amendments or supplements thereto, did not and does not include any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; and (d) there has occurred no event required to be set forth in the

Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package, or an amended or supplemented Prospectus which has not been so set forth;

(iii) the representations, warranties, and covenants of the Company in this Agreement are true and correct with the same force and effect as though expressly made on and as of such Closing Date; and

(iv) the Company has complied with all the covenants hereunder and satisfied all the conditions on its part to be performed or satisfied hereunder at or prior to such Closing Date.

(i) On or before each of the First Closing Date and the Second Closing Date, the Representative and counsel for the Underwriters shall have received such certificates, information, documents, and opinions as they may require for the purposes of enabling them to pass upon the issuance and sale of the Offered Notes as contemplated herein, or in order to evidence the accuracy of any of the representations and warranties, or the satisfaction of any of the conditions or agreements, herein contained.

(j) On each of the First Closing Date and the Second Closing Date, the Representative shall have received a written certificate executed by the Chief Financial Officer or Chief Accounting Officer of the Company, dated as of such Closing Date, in form and substance satisfactory to the Representative.

(k) On or after the Applicable Time there shall not have occurred any of the following: (i) a suspension or limitation in trading in securities generally on the New York Stock Exchange or Nasdaq Stock Market LLC; (ii) a suspension or limitation in trading in the Company's securities on the Nasdaq Global Market; (iii) a general moratorium on commercial banking activities declared by any of Maryland, New York State or United States federal authorities or a material disruption in commercial banking or securities settlement or clearance services in the United States; (iv) the outbreak or escalation of hostilities involving the United States or the declaration by the United States of a national emergency or war or (v) the occurrence of any other calamity or crisis or any change in financial, political or economic conditions in the United States or elsewhere, if the effect of any such event specified in clause (iv) or (v) in the judgment of the Representative makes it impracticable or inadvisable to proceed with the public offering or the delivery of the Offered Notes being delivered on the First Closing Date or Second Closing Date, as the case may be, on the terms and in the manner contemplated in the Prospectus

If any condition specified in this Section 5 is not satisfied when and as required to be satisfied, this Agreement may be terminated, subject to the provisions of Section 10 hereof, by the Representative by notice to the Company at any time on or prior to the First Closing Date and, with respect to the Optional Offered Notes, at any time prior to the Second Closing Date, which termination shall be without liability on the part of any party to any other party, except that Section 6 (the "Payment of Expenses"), Section 7 (the "Reimbursement of Underwriters' Expenses"), Section 8 ("Indemnification") and Section 10 (the "Representations and Indemnities to Survive Delivery") shall at all times be effective and shall survive such termination.

Section 6. Payment of Expenses. The Company covenants and agrees with the several Underwriters that, whether or not the transactions contemplated by this Agreement are consummated, the Company will pay or cause to be paid all expenses incident to the performance of its obligations under this Agreement, including (i) the fees, disbursements and expenses of the Company's counsel, accountants and other advisors; (ii) filing fees and all other expenses in connection with the preparation, printing and filing of the Registration Statement, the Preliminary Prospectus, the Prospectus and the General Disclosure Package and amendments and supplements thereto and the mailing and delivering of copies thereof to the Underwriters and dealers; (iii) the cost of printing or producing this Agreement, the Offered Notes, the Indenture or Seventh Supplemental Indenture, closing documents (including any compilations thereof) and such other documents as may be required in connection with the offering, purchase, sale and delivery of the Offered Notes; (iv) all expenses in connection with the qualification of the Offered Notes for offering and sale under state securities laws, including filing fees and the reasonable fees and disbursements of counsel for the Underwriters in connection with such qualification and in connection with the Blue Sky survey; (v) all fees and expenses in connection with listing the Offered Notes on the Nasdaq Global Market; (vi) the filing fees incident to, and the reasonable fees and disbursements of counsel for the Underwriters in connection with, securing any required review by FINRA of the terms of the sale of the Offered Notes; (vii) all fees and expenses in connection with the preparation, issuance and delivery of the certificates representing the Offered Notes to the Underwriters, including any stock or other transfer taxes and any stamp or other duties payable upon the sale, issuance or delivery of the Offered Notes to the Underwriters; (viii) the cost and charges of the Trustee, including in its capacity as transfer agent or registrar, and any paying agent for the Offered Notes; (ix) the transportation, roadshow and other expenses incurred by the Company in connection with presentations to prospective purchasers of Offered Notes; and (ix) all other costs and expenses incident to the performance of its obligations hereunder which are not otherwise specifically provided for in this Section. On or prior to the First Closing Date, the Company shall pay all reasonable out-of-pocket legal, accounting and other fees, expenses and costs incurred by the Underwriters in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement up to an aggregate of \$37,500 and for which the Company has been provided reasonably detailed statements. Except as provided in this Section 6, Section 7 (the "Reimbursement of Underwriters' Expenses") and Section 8 ("Indemnification") hereof, the Underwriters shall pay their own expenses, including the fees and disbursements of their counsel.

Section 7. Reimbursement of the Underwriters' Expenses. If this Agreement is terminated by the Representative pursuant to Section 5 ("Conditions of the Obligations of the Underwriters") or if the sale to the Underwriters of the Offered Notes on the First Closing Date is not consummated, in either case because of any refusal, inability or failure on the part of the Company to perform any agreement herein or to comply with any provision hereof, the Company agrees to reimburse the Representative and the other Underwriters (or such Underwriters as have terminated this Agreement with respect to themselves), severally, upon demand for reasonable out-of-pocket expenses that shall have been incurred by the Representative and the Underwriters in connection with the proposed purchase and the offering and sale of the Offered Notes.

Section 8. Indemnification.

(a) The Company agrees to indemnify and hold harmless each Underwriter, its officers, employees and affiliates (as such term is defined in Rule 501(b) under the Securities Act), and each person, if any, who controls any Underwriter within the meaning of Section 15 of the Securities Act or Section 20(a) of the 1934 Act against any and all losses, liabilities, claims, damages and expenses whatsoever as incurred (including without limitation, reasonable attorneys' fees and any and all reasonable expenses whatsoever incurred in investigating, preparing or defending against any litigation, commenced or threatened, or any claim whatsoever, and any and all amounts paid in settlement of any claim or litigation), joint or several, to which they or any of them may become subject under the Securities Act, the 1934 Act or otherwise, insofar as such losses, liabilities, claims, damages or expenses (or actions in respect thereof) arise out of or are based upon (i) any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in the Registration Statement, or any post-effective amendment thereof, or arise out of or are based upon the omission or alleged omission to state therein a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading, or (ii) any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in the Preliminary Prospectus, the General Disclosure Package or the Prospectus, or in any supplement thereto or amendment thereof, or arise out of or are based upon the omission or alleged omission to state therein a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; **provided, however, that** the Company will not be liable in any such case to the extent that any such loss, liability, claim, damage or expense arises out of or is based upon any such untrue statement or alleged untrue statement or omission or alleged omission made in the Registration Statement, or any post-effective amendment thereof, the Preliminary Prospectus, the General Disclosure Package or the Prospectus, or in any supplement thereto or amendment thereof, in reliance upon and in strict conformity with written information furnished to the Company by or on behalf of any Underwriter through the Representative expressly for use therein, it being understood and agreed that the only such information furnished by any Underwriter is the information described as such in Section 8(b) below.

(b) Each Underwriter severally, and not jointly, agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Company, each of the directors of the Company, each of the officers of the Company who shall have signed the Registration Statement, and each other person, if any, who controls the Company within the meaning of Section 15 of the Securities Act or Section 20(a) of the 1934 Act, against any losses, liabilities, claims, damages and expenses whatsoever as incurred (including without limitation, reasonable attorneys' fees and any and all reasonable expenses whatsoever incurred in investigating, preparing or defending against any litigation, commenced or threatened, or any claim whatsoever, and any and all amounts paid in settlement of any claim or litigation), joint or several, to which they or any of them may become subject under the Securities Act, the 1934 Act or otherwise, insofar as such losses, liabilities, claims, damages or expenses (or actions in respect thereof) arise out of or are based upon any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in the Registration Statement, or any post-effective amendment thereof, or the Preliminary Prospectus, the General Disclosure Package or the Prospectus, or in any supplement thereto or amendment thereof, or arise out of or are based upon the omission or alleged omission to state therein a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading, in each case to the extent, but only to the extent, that any such loss, liability, claim, damage or expense arises out of or is based upon any such untrue statement or alleged untrue statement or omission or alleged

omission made therein in reliance upon and in strict conformity with written information furnished to the Company by or on behalf of such Underwriter through the Representative expressly for use therein, it being understood and agreed that the only such information furnished by any Underwriters consists of the following information in the Prospectus furnished on behalf of each Underwriter: the third paragraph of “Underwriting — Commissions and Discounts”, the first paragraph under the caption “Underwriting — Price Stabilization, Short Positions” and the seventh paragraph under the caption “Underwriting — Other Relationships”.

(c) Promptly after receipt by an indemnified party under Section 8(a) or 8(b) of notice of the commencement of any action, such indemnified party shall, if a claim in respect thereof is to be made against the indemnifying party under such Section, notify each party against whom indemnification is to be sought in writing of the commencement thereof (but the failure so to notify an indemnifying party shall not relieve it from any liability which it may have under this Section 8). In case any such action is brought against any indemnified party, and it notifies an indemnifying party of the commencement thereof, the indemnifying party will be entitled to participate therein, and jointly with any other indemnifying party similarly notified, to the extent it may elect by written notice delivered to the indemnified party promptly after receiving the aforesaid notice from such indemnified party, to assume the defense thereof with counsel reasonably satisfactory to such indemnified party (who shall not, except with the consent of the indemnified party, be counsel to the indemnified party). Notwithstanding the foregoing, the indemnified party or parties shall have the right to employ its or their own counsel in any such case, but the fees and expenses of such counsel shall be at the expense of such indemnified party or parties unless (i) the employment of such counsel shall have been authorized in writing by one of the indemnifying parties in connection with the defense of such action, (ii) the indemnifying parties shall not have employed counsel to have charge of the defense of such action within a reasonable time after notice of commencement of the action, or (iii) such indemnified party or parties shall have reasonably concluded that there may be defenses available to it or them which are different from or additional to those available to one or all of the indemnifying parties (in which case the indemnifying parties shall not have the right to direct the defense of such action on behalf of the indemnified party or parties), in any of which events such fees and expenses shall be borne by the indemnifying parties. In no event shall the indemnifying parties be liable for fees and expenses of more than one counsel (in addition to any local counsel) separate from their own counsel for all indemnified parties in connection with any one action or separate but similar or related actions in the same jurisdiction arising out of the same general allegations or circumstances, which counsel, in the event of indemnified parties under Section 8(a), shall be selected by the Representative and, in the event of indemnified parties under Section 8(b) shall be selected by the Company. No indemnifying party shall, without the written consent of the indemnified party, effect the settlement or compromise of, or consent to the entry of any judgment with respect to, any pending or threatened action or claim in respect of which indemnification or contribution may be sought hereunder (whether or not the indemnified party is an actual or potential party to such action or claim) unless such settlement, compromise or judgment (i) includes an unconditional release of the indemnified party from all liability arising out of such action or claim and (ii) does not include a statement as to or an admission of fault, culpability or a failure to act, by or on behalf of any indemnified party.

(d) If the indemnification provided for in this Section 8 is unavailable to or insufficient to hold harmless an indemnified party under Section 8(a) or 8(b) in respect of any

losses, liabilities, claims, damages or expenses (or actions in respect thereof) referred to therein, then each indemnifying party shall contribute to the amount paid or payable by such indemnified party as a result of such losses, liabilities, claims, damages or expenses (or actions in respect thereof) in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect the relative benefits received by the Company on the one hand and the Underwriters on the other from the offering of the Offered Notes. If, however, the allocation provided by the immediately preceding sentence is not permitted by applicable law, then each indemnifying party shall contribute to such amount paid or payable by such indemnified party in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect not only such relative benefits but also the relative fault of the Company on the one hand and the Underwriters on the other in connection with the statements or omissions which resulted in such losses, liabilities, claims, damages or expenses (or actions in respect thereof), as well as any other relevant equitable considerations. The relative benefits received by the Company on the one hand and the Underwriters on the other from the offering of the Offered Notes shall be deemed to be in the same proportion as the total net proceeds from the offering (before deducting expenses) received by the Company bear to the total underwriting discounts and commissions received by the Underwriters, in each case as set forth in the table on the cover page of the Prospectus. The relative fault shall be determined by reference to, among other things, whether the untrue or alleged untrue statement of a material fact or the omission or alleged omission to state a material fact relates to information supplied by the Company on the one hand or the Underwriters on the other and the parties relative intent, knowledge, access to information and opportunity to correct or prevent such statement or omission.

The Company and the Underwriters agree that it would not be just and equitable if contributions pursuant to this Section 8(d) were determined by pro rata allocation (even if the Underwriters were treated as one entity for such purpose) or by any other method of allocation which does not take account of the equitable considerations referred to above in this Section 8(d). The amount paid or payable by an indemnified party as a result of the losses, liabilities, claims, damages or expenses (or actions in respect thereof) referred to above in this Section 8(d) shall be deemed to include any legal or other expenses reasonably incurred by such indemnified party in connection with investigating or defending any such action or claim. Notwithstanding the provisions of this Section 8(d), no Underwriter shall be required to contribute any amount in excess of the amount by which the total price at which the Offered Notes underwritten by it and distributed to the public were offered to the public exceeds the amount of any damages which such Underwriter has otherwise been required to pay by reason of such untrue or alleged untrue statement or omission or alleged omission.

No person guilty of fraudulent misrepresentation (within the meaning of Section 11(f) of the Securities Act) shall be entitled to contribution from any person who was not guilty of such fraudulent misrepresentation. The Underwriters' obligations in this Section 8(d) to contribute are several in proportion to their respective underwriting obligations and not joint.

(e) The obligations of the parties to this Agreement contained in this Section 8 are not exclusive and shall not limit any rights or remedies which may otherwise be available to any indemnified party at law or in equity.

(f) Any indemnification and contribution by the Company shall be subject to the requirements and limitations of Section 17(i) of the 1940 Act.

Section 9. Default of One or More of the Several Underwriters. If, on the First Closing Date or the Second Closing Date, as the case may be, any one or more of the several Underwriters shall fail or refuse to purchase Offered Notes that it or they have agreed to purchase hereunder on such date, and the aggregate number of Offered Notes which such defaulting Underwriter or Underwriters agreed but failed or refused to purchase does not exceed ten percent (10%) of the aggregate number of the Offered Notes to be purchased on such date, the other Underwriters shall be obligated, severally, in the proportions that the number of Firm Offered Notes set forth opposite their respective names on Schedule A (the “**List of the Underwriters**”) attached hereto bears to the aggregate number of Firm Offered Notes set forth opposite the names of all such non-defaulting Underwriters, or in such other proportions as may be specified by the Representative with the consent of the non-defaulting Underwriters, to purchase the Offered Notes which such defaulting Underwriter or Underwriters agreed but failed or refused to purchase on such date. If, on the First Closing Date or the Second Closing Date, as the case may be, any one or more of the Underwriters shall fail or refuse to purchase Offered Notes and the aggregate number of Offered Notes with respect to which such default occurs exceeds ten percent (10%) of the aggregate number of Offered Notes to be purchased on such date, and arrangements satisfactory to the Representative and the Company for the purchase of such Offered Notes are not made within forty-eight (48) hours after such default, this Agreement shall terminate without liability of any party to any other party except that the provisions of Section 6 (“Payment of Expenses”), Section 7 (“Reimbursement of Underwriters’ Expenses”), and Section 8 (“Indemnification”) shall at all times be effective and shall survive such termination. In any such case, either the Representative or the Company shall have the right to postpone the First Closing Date or the Second Closing Date, as the case may be, but in no event for longer than seven (7) business days in order that the required changes, if any, to the Registration Statement and the Prospectus or any other documents or arrangements may be effected.

As used in this Agreement, the term “Underwriter” shall be deemed to include any person substituted for a defaulting Underwriter under this Section 9. Any action taken under this Section 9 shall not relieve any defaulting Underwriter from liability in respect of any default of such Underwriter under this Agreement.

Section 10. Termination of This Agreement. Prior to the First Closing Date, this Agreement may be terminated by the Representative by notice given to the Company if at any time (i) trading or quotation in any of the Company’s securities shall have been suspended or limited by the Commission or by the Nasdaq Stock Market LLC or trading in securities generally on either the Nasdaq Stock Market LLC or the New York Stock Exchange shall have been suspended or limited, or minimum or maximum prices shall have been generally established on any of such stock exchanges by the Commission or FINRA; (ii) a general banking moratorium shall have been declared by any of federal, New York or Delaware authorities; (iii) there shall have occurred any outbreak or escalation of national or international hostilities or any crisis or calamity or any change in the United States or international financial markets, or any substantial change or development involving a prospective substantial change in United States’ or international political, financial, or economic conditions, as in the judgment of the Representative is material and adverse and makes it impracticable to market the Offered Notes in the manner and on the terms described in the Prospectus or to enforce contracts for the sale of securities; (iv) in the judgment of the Representative there shall have occurred any Material

Adverse Change; or (v) the Company shall have sustained a loss by strike, fire, flood, earthquake, accident, terrorist attack, act of war or other calamity of such character as in the sole judgment of the Representative may interfere materially with the conduct of the business and operations of the Company regardless of whether or not such loss shall have been insured. Any termination pursuant to this Section 10 shall be without liability on the part of (a) the Company to any Underwriter, except that the Company shall be obligated to reimburse all expenses of the Representative and the Underwriters pursuant to Section 6 (the "Payment of Expenses") and Section 7 (the "Reimbursement of Underwriters' Expenses") hereof, (b) any Underwriter to the Company or (c) of any party hereto to any other party except that the provisions of Section 8 ("Indemnification") shall at all times be effective and shall survive such termination.

Section 11. Representations and Indemnities to Survive Delivery. The respective indemnities, agreements, representations, warranties and other statements of the Company, of its officers and of the several Underwriters set forth in or made pursuant to this Agreement will remain in full force and effect, regardless of any investigation made by or on behalf of any Underwriter or the Company or any of its or their partners, officers, or directors or any controlling person, as the case may be, and will survive delivery of and payment for the Offered Notes to be sold hereunder and any termination of this Agreement.

Section 12. Notices. All communications hereunder shall be in writing and shall be mailed, hand delivered, delivered by courier or telecopied and confirmed to the parties hereto as follows:

If to the Representative:

Keefe, Bruyette & Woods, Inc.
787 7th Avenue
4th Floor
New York, NY 10019
Facsimile: 212-581-1592
Attention: Capital Markets

with a copy to:

Baker & Hostetler LLP
45 Rockefeller Plaza
New York, NY 10111
Facsimile: 212.589.4201
Attention: Steven H. Goldberg

If to the Company:

Newtek Business Services Corp.
1981 Marcus Avenue, Suite 130

Lake Success, NY 11042
Facsimile: 212.356.9500
Attention: Barry Sloane

with a copy to:

Eversheds Sutherland (US) LLP
700 Sixth Street, N.W., Suite 700
Washington, D.C. 20001
Facsimile: 202.383.0100
Attention: Cynthia M. Krus

Any party hereto may change the address for receipt of communications by giving written notice to the others by the means provided for notice as set forth in this Section 12.

Section 13. Successors. This Agreement will inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the parties hereto, including any substitute Underwriters pursuant to Section 9 (the “Default of One or More of the Several Underwriters”), and to the benefit of the employees, officers and directors and controlling persons referred to in Section 8 (“Indemnification”), and in each case their respective successors, and personal representatives, and no other person will have any right or obligation hereunder. The term “successors” shall not include any purchaser of the Offered Notes as such from any of the Underwriters merely by reason of such purchase.

Section 14. Partial Unenforceability. The invalidity or unenforceability of any Section, paragraph, or provision of this Agreement shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other Section, paragraph or provision hereof. If any Section, paragraph, or provision of this Agreement is for any reason determined to be invalid or unenforceable, there shall be deemed to be made such minor changes (and only such minor changes) as are necessary to make it valid and enforceable.

Section 15. Governing Law Provisions.

(a) THIS AGREEMENT, AND ANY CLAIM, DISPUTE OR ACTION ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING HERETO, SHALL BE GOVERNED BY AND CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE INTERNAL LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK APPLICABLE TO AGREEMENTS MADE AND TO BE PERFORMED IN SUCH STATE.

(b) Any legal suit, action, or proceeding arising out of or based upon this Agreement or the transactions contemplated hereby (“**Related Proceedings**”) may be instituted in the federal courts of the United States of America located in the City and County of New York or the courts of the State of New York in each case located in the City and County of New York (collectively, the “**Specified Courts**”), and each party irrevocably submits to the exclusive jurisdiction (except for proceedings instituted in regard to the enforcement of a judgment of any such court (a “**Related Judgment**”), as to which such jurisdiction is non-exclusive) of such courts in any such suit, action, or proceeding. Service of any process, summons, notice, or document by mail to such party’s address set forth above shall be effective service of process for any suit, action, or other proceeding brought in any such court. The parties irrevocably and

unconditionally waive any objection to the laying of venue of any suit, action, or other proceeding in the Specified Courts and irrevocably and unconditionally waive and agree not to plead or claim in any such court that any such suit, action, or other proceeding brought in any such court has been brought in an inconvenient forum.

(c) With respect to any Related Proceeding, each party irrevocably waives, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, all immunity (whether on the basis of sovereignty or otherwise) from jurisdiction, service of process, attachment (both before and after judgment), and execution to which it might otherwise be entitled in the Specified Courts. With respect to any Related Judgment, each party waives any such immunity in the Specified Courts or any other court of competent jurisdiction, and will not raise or claim or cause to be pleaded any such immunity at or in respect of any such Related Proceeding or Related Judgment, including, without limitation, any immunity pursuant to the United States Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act of 1976, as amended.

Section 16. WAIVER OF JURY TRIAL. THE COMPANY AND THE REPRESENTATIVE, ON BEHALF OF ITSELF AND EACH UNDERWRITER, HEREBY KNOWINGLY, VOLUNTARILY AND IRREVOCABLY WAIVES, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, ANY AND ALL RIGHT TO TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY LEGAL PROCEEDING ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT OR THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED HEREBY.

Section 17. No Advisory or Fiduciary Relationship. The Company acknowledges and agrees that (a) the purchase and sale of the Offered Notes pursuant to this Agreement, including the determination of the public offering price of the Offered Notes and any related discounts and commissions, is an arm's-length commercial transaction between the Company, on the one hand, and the several Underwriters, on the other hand, (b) in connection with the offering contemplated hereby and the process leading to such transaction each Underwriter is and has been acting solely as a principal and is not the agent or fiduciary of the Company, or any of their stockholders, creditors, employees or any other party, (c) no Underwriter has assumed or will assume an advisory or fiduciary responsibility in favor of the Company with respect to the offering contemplated hereby or the process leading thereto (irrespective of whether such Underwriter has advised or is currently advising the Company on other matters) and no Underwriter has any obligation to the Company with respect to the offering contemplated hereby except the obligations expressly set forth in this Agreement, (d) the Underwriters and their respective affiliates may be engaged in a broad range of transactions that involve interests that differ from those of the Company, and (e) the Underwriters have not provided any legal, accounting, regulatory or tax advice with respect to the offering contemplated hereby and the Company has consulted its own legal, accounting, regulatory and tax advisors to the extent it deemed appropriate.

Section 18. General Provisions. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement of the parties to this Agreement and supersedes all prior written or oral and all contemporaneous oral agreements, understandings, and negotiations with respect to the subject matter hereof. This Agreement may be executed in two or more counterparts, each one of which shall be an original, with the same effect as if the signatures thereto and hereto were upon the same instrument. This Agreement may not be amended or modified unless in writing by all of the parties hereto, and no

condition herein (express or implied) may be waived unless waived in writing by each party whom the condition is meant to benefit. The Table of Contents and the Section headings herein are for the convenience of the parties only and shall not affect the construction or interpretation of this Agreement. The term “including” in this Agreement shall be construed to mean “including, without limitation.”

Each of the parties hereto acknowledges that it is a sophisticated business person who was adequately represented by counsel during negotiations regarding the provisions hereof, including, without limitation, the indemnification provisions of Section 8 (“Indemnification”), and is fully informed regarding said provisions. Each of the parties hereto further acknowledges that the provisions of Section 8 hereto fairly allocate the risks in light of the ability of the parties to investigate the Company, its affairs, and its business in order to assure that adequate disclosure has been made in the Registration Statement, the Preliminary Prospectus and the Prospectus (and any amendments and supplements thereto), as required by the Securities Act.

[Signature pages follow]

If the foregoing is in accordance with your understanding of our agreement, kindly sign and return to the Company the enclosed copies hereof, whereupon this instrument, along with all counterparts hereof, shall become a binding agreement in accordance with its terms.

Very truly yours,

NEWTEK BUSINESS SERVICES CORP.

By: /s/ Barry Sloane

Name: Barry Sloane

Title: Chief Executive Officer & President

[Signature Page to Underwriting Agreement]

The foregoing Underwriting Agreement is hereby confirmed and accepted by the Representative as of the date set forth above.

Keefe, Bruyette & Woods, Inc.
as Representative of the several
Underwriters named in Schedule A (the
“List of the Underwriters”) attached hereto.

By: /s/ Allen Laufenberg
Name: Allen Laufenberg
Title: Managing Director

[Signature Page to Underwriting Agreement]

SEVENTH SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE

between

NEWTEK BUSINESS SERVICES CORP.

and

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,

as Trustee

Dated as of January 22, 2021

THIS SEVENTH SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE (this “Seventh Supplemental Indenture”), dated as of January 22, 2021 is between Newtek Business Services Corp., a Maryland corporation (the “Company”), and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee (the “Trustee”). All capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein shall have the meaning set forth in the Base Indenture (as defined below).

RECITALS OF THE COMPANY

The Company and the Trustee executed and delivered an Indenture, dated as of September 23, 2015 (the “Base Indenture” and, as supplemented by this Seventh Supplemental Indenture, the “Indenture”), to provide for the issuance by the Company from time to time of the Company’s unsecured debentures, notes or other evidences of indebtedness (the “Securities”), to be issued in one or more series as provided in the Indenture.

The Company desires to issue and sell up to \$115,000,000 aggregate principal amount (which amount includes \$15,000,000 aggregate principal amount of Notes to be issued pursuant to the exercise of underwriters’ overallotment option) of the Company’s 5.50% Notes due 2026 (the “Notes”).

The Company previously entered into the First Supplemental Indenture, dated as of September 23, 2015 (the “First Supplemental Indenture”), the Second Supplemental Indenture, dated as of April 22, 2016 (the “Second Supplemental Indenture”), the Third Supplemental Indenture, dated as of February 21, 2018 (the “Third Supplemental Indenture”), the Fourth Supplemental Indenture, dated as of July 29, 2019 (the “Fourth Supplemental Indenture”), the Fifth Supplemental Indenture, dated as of November 27, 2020 (the “Fifth Supplemental Indenture”), and the Sixth Supplemental Indenture, dated as of January 6, 2021 (the “Sixth Supplemental Indenture”), each of which amended and supplemented the Base Indenture. Neither the First Supplemental Indenture, nor the Second Supplemental Indenture, nor the Third Supplemental Indenture, nor the Fourth Supplemental Indenture, nor the Fifth Supplemental Indenture, nor the Sixth Supplemental Indenture is applicable to the Notes.

Sections 901(4) and 901(6) of the Base Indenture provide that without the consent of Holders of the Securities of any series issued under the Indenture, the Company, when authorized by or pursuant to a Board Resolution, and the Trustee, at any time and from time to time, may enter into one or more indentures supplemental to the Base Indenture to (i) change or eliminate any of the provisions of the Indenture when there is no Security Outstanding of any series created prior to the execution of the supplemental indenture that is entitled to the benefit of such provision and (ii) establish the form or terms of Securities of any series as permitted by Section 201 and Section 301 of the Base Indenture.

The Company desires to establish the form and terms of the Notes and to modify, alter, supplement and change certain provisions of the Base Indenture for the benefit of the Holders of the Notes (except as may be provided in a future supplemental indenture to the Indenture (“Future Supplemental Indenture”)).

The Company has duly authorized the execution and delivery of this Seventh Supplemental Indenture to provide for the issuance of the Notes and all acts and things necessary to make this Seventh Supplemental Indenture a valid, binding, and legal obligation of the Company and to constitute a valid agreement of the Company, in accordance with its terms, have been done and performed.

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the premises and the purchase of the Notes by the Holders thereof, it is mutually agreed, for the equal and proportionate benefit of all Holders of the Notes, as follows:

ARTICLE I TERMS OF THE NOTES

Section 1.01. Terms of the Notes. The following terms relating to the Notes are hereby established:

(a) The Notes shall constitute a series of Senior Securities having the title “5.50% Notes due 2026.” The Notes shall bear a CUSIP number of 652526 708 and an ISIN number of US6525267083.

(b) The aggregate principal amount of the Notes that may be initially authenticated and delivered under the Indenture (except for Notes authenticated and delivered upon registration of, transfer of, or in exchange for, or in lieu of, other Notes pursuant to Sections 304, 305, 306, 906, 1107 or 1305 of the Base Indenture, and except for any Securities that, pursuant to Section 303 of the Base Indenture, are deemed never to have been authenticated and delivered under the Indenture) shall be \$115,000,000 (which amount includes \$15,000,000 aggregate principal amount of Notes to be issued pursuant to the exercise of underwriters’ overallotment option). Under a Board Resolution, Officers’ Certificate pursuant to Board Resolutions or an indenture supplement, the Company may from time to time, without the consent of the Holders of Notes, issue additional Notes (in any such case “Additional Notes”) having the same ranking and the same interest rate, maturity and other terms as the Notes. Any Additional Notes and the existing Notes will constitute a single series under the Indenture and all

references to the relevant Notes herein shall include the Additional Notes unless the context otherwise requires.

(c) The entire outstanding principal of the Notes shall be payable on February 1, 2026.

(d) The rate at which the Notes shall bear interest shall be 5.50% per annum (the “Applicable Interest Rate”). The date from which interest shall accrue on the Notes shall be January 22, 2021, or the most recent Interest Payment Date to which interest has been paid or provided for; the Interest Payment Dates for the Notes shall be February 1, May 1, August 1 and November 1 of each year, commencing May 1, 2021 (if an Interest Payment Date falls on a day that is not a Business Day, then the applicable interest payment will be made on the next succeeding Business Day and no additional interest will accrue as a result of such delayed payment); the initial interest period will be the period from and including January 22, 2021, to, but excluding, the initial Interest Payment Date, and the subsequent interest periods will be the periods from and including an Interest Payment Date to, but excluding, the next Interest Payment Date or the Stated Maturity, as the case may be; the interest so payable, and punctually paid or duly provided for, on any Interest Payment Date, will be paid to the Person in whose name the Note (or one or more Predecessor Securities) is registered at the close of business on the Regular Record Date for such interest, which shall be each January 15, April 15, July 15 and October 15 (whether or not a Business Day), as the case may be, next preceding such Interest Payment Date. Payment of principal of (and premium, if any, on) and any such interest on the Notes will be made at the office of the Trustee located at 100 Wall Street, 6th Floor, New York, New York 10005, Attention: Global Corporate Trust and at such other address as designated by the Trustee, in such coin or currency of the United States of America as at the time of payment is legal tender for payment of public and private debts; *provided, however*, that at the option of the Company payment of interest may be made by check mailed to the address of the Person entitled thereto as such address shall appear in the Security Register; *provided, further, however*, that so long as the Notes are registered to Cede & Co., such payment will be made by wire transfer in accordance with the procedures established by The Depository Trust Company and the Trustee. Interest on the Notes will be computed on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months.

(e) The Notes shall be initially issuable in global form (each such Note, a “Global Note”). The Global Notes and the Trustee’s certificate of authentication thereon shall be substantially in the form of Exhibit A to this Seventh Supplemental Indenture. Each Global Note shall represent the outstanding Notes as shall be specified therein and each shall provide that it shall represent the aggregate amount of outstanding Notes from time to time endorsed thereon and that the aggregate amount of outstanding Notes represented thereby may from time to time be reduced or increased, as appropriate, to reflect exchanges and redemptions. Any endorsement of a Global Note to reflect the amount of any increase or decrease in the amount of outstanding Notes represented thereby shall be made by the Trustee or the Security Registrar, in accordance with Sections 203 and 305 of the Base Indenture.

(f) The depository for such Global Notes (the “Depository”) shall be The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York. The Security Registrar with respect to the Global Notes shall be the Trustee.

(g) The Notes shall be defeasible pursuant to Section 1402 or Section 1403 of the Base Indenture. Covenant defeasance contained in Section 1403 of the Base Indenture shall apply to the covenants contained in Sections 1007, 1008, and 1009 of the Indenture.

(h) The Notes shall be redeemable pursuant to Section 1101 of the Base Indenture and as follows:

(i) The Notes will be redeemable in whole or in part at any time or from time to time, at the option of the Company, on or after February 1, 2022, at a Redemption Price equal to the following amounts, plus accrued and unpaid interest to, but excluding, the Redemption Date:

(1) 100% of the principal amount of the Notes to be redeemed *plus*

(2) the sum of the present value of the scheduled payments of interest (exclusive of accrued and unpaid interest to the date of redemption) on the Notes to be redeemed from the Redemption Date until February 1, 2023, discounted to the Redemption Date on a semi-annual basis (assuming a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months) using the applicable Treasury Rate plus 50 basis points;

provided, however, that if the Company redeems any Notes on or after February 1, 2023 (the date falling three years prior to the maturity date of the Notes), the Redemption Price for the Notes will be equal to 100% of the principal amount of the Notes to be redeemed, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to, but excluding, the Redemption Date.

(ii) Notice of redemption shall be given in writing and mailed, first-class postage prepaid or by overnight courier guaranteeing next-day delivery, to each Holder of the Notes to be redeemed, not less than thirty (30) nor more than sixty (60) days prior to the Redemption Date, at the Holder's address appearing in the Security Register. All notices of redemption shall contain the information set forth in Section 1104 of the Base Indenture and shall be irrevocable when given.

(iii) Any exercise of the Company's option to redeem the Notes will be done in compliance with the Investment Company Act, to the extent applicable.

(iv) If the Company elects to redeem only a portion of the Notes, the Trustee or the Depositary, as applicable, will determine the method for selecting the particular Notes to be redeemed, in accordance with Section 1103 of the Base Indenture and the rules of any national securities exchange or quotation system on which the Notes are listed, in each case to the extent applicable.

(v) Unless the Company defaults in payment of the Redemption Price, on and after the Redemption Date, interest will cease to accrue on the Notes called for redemption hereunder.

(i) The Notes shall not be subject to any sinking fund pursuant to Section 1201 of the Base Indenture.

(j) The Notes shall be issuable in denominations of \$25 and integral multiples of \$25 in excess thereof.

(k) Holders of the Notes will not have the option to have the Notes repaid prior to the Stated Maturity.

(l) The Notes are hereby designated as “Senior Securities” under the Indenture.

ARTICLE II DEFINITIONS AND OTHER PROVISIONS OF GENERAL APPLICATION

Section 2.01. Except as may be provided in a Future Supplemental Indenture, for the benefit of the Holders of the Notes but no other series of Securities under the Indenture, whether now or hereafter issued and Outstanding, Article One of the Base Indenture shall be amended by adding the following defined terms to Section 101 in appropriate alphabetical sequence, as follows:

“‘Exchange Act’ means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and any statute successor thereto.”

“‘GAAP’ means generally accepted accounting principles in the United States set forth in the opinions and pronouncements of the Accounting Principles Board of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the opinions and pronouncements of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board and the statements and pronouncements of the Financial Accounting Standards Board or in such other statements by such other entity as have been approved by a significant segment of the accounting profession in the United States, which are in effect from time to time.”

“‘Investment Company Act’ means the Investment Company act of 1940, as amended, and the rules, regulations and interpretations promulgated thereunder, to the extent applicable, and any statute successor thereto.”

Section 2.02. Except as may be provided in a Future Supplemental Indenture, for the benefit of the Holders of the Notes but no other series of Securities under the Indenture, whether now or hereafter issued and Outstanding, Article One of the Base Indenture shall be amended by adding the following paragraph as the last paragraph of Section 105:

“The Trustee may rely upon and comply with instructions or directions sent via unsecured facsimile or email transmission and the Trustee shall not be liable for any loss, liability, or expense of any kind incurred by the Company or the Holders due to the Trustee’s reliance upon and compliance with instructions or directions given by unsecured facsimile or email transmission; *provided, however*, that such losses have not arisen from the negligence or willful misconduct of the Trustee, it being understood that the failure of the Trustee to verify or confirm that the person providing the instructions or directions is, in fact, an authorized person does not constitute negligence or willful misconduct.”

Section 2.03. Except as may be provided in a Future Supplemental Indenture, for the benefit of the Holders of the Notes but no other series of Securities under the Indenture, whether now or hereafter issued and Outstanding, Article One of the Base Indenture shall be amended by replacing Section 112 with the following:

“Section 112. Governing Law/Waiver of Trial by Jury.

This Indenture and the Securities shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the law of the State of New York without regard to principles of conflicts of laws. This Indenture is subject to the provisions of the Trust Indenture Act that are required to be part of this Indenture and shall, to the extent applicable, be governed by such provisions.

Each of the Company, the Holders, and the Trustee hereby irrevocably waives, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, any and all right to trial by jury in any legal proceeding arising out of or relating to this Indenture or the Securities.”

ARTICLE III EXECUTION OF SECURITIES

Section 3.01. Except as may be provided in a Future Supplemental Indenture, for the benefit of the Holders of the Notes but no other series of Securities under the Indenture, whether now or hereafter issued and Outstanding, Section 303 of the Base Indenture shall be amended by replacing the first paragraph thereof with the following:

“The Securities shall be executed on behalf of the Company by its Chief Executive Officer, its President, its Chief Operating Officer, its Chief Financial Officer or any of its Vice Presidents and attested by its Secretary, any of its Assistant Secretaries, or its Chief Accounting Officer. The signature of any of these officers on the Securities may be manual or facsimile signatures of the present or any future such authorized officer and may be imprinted or otherwise reproduced on the Securities.”

ARTICLE IV SATISFACTION AND DISCHARGE

Section 4.01. Except as may be provided in a Future Supplemental Indenture, for the benefit of the Holders of the Notes but no other series of Securities under the Indenture, whether now or hereafter issued and Outstanding, Article Four of the Base Indenture shall be amended by adding the following new Section 403:

“Section 403. Reinstatement.

If the Trustee or the Paying Agent is unable to apply any money in accordance with any provision of this Article Four by reason of an order or judgment of any court or governmental authority enjoining, restraining, or otherwise prohibiting such application, the Company’s obligations under this Indenture and the Notes shall be revived and reinstated as though no deposit had occurred pursuant to this Article Four until such time as the Trustee or the Paying Agent is permitted to apply all such money in accordance

with this Article Four; *provided, however*, that if the Company makes any payment of interest on or principal of any Note following the reinstatement of its obligations, the Company shall be subrogated to the rights of the Holders thereof to receive such payment from the money held by the Trustee or Paying Agent.”

ARTICLE V TRUSTEE

Section 5.01. Except as may be provided in a Future Supplemental Indenture, for the benefit of the Holders of the Notes but no other series of Securities under the Indenture, whether now or hereafter issued and Outstanding, Section 602 of the Base Indenture shall be amended by replacing clauses (11), (13), and (15) thereto and adding a new clause (19) thereto, each as set forth below:

“(11) The Trustee shall not be deemed to have notice of any Default or Event of Default unless a (i) written notice of any event which is in fact such a default is received by the Trustee at the Corporate Trust Office of the Trustee, and such notice references the Securities and this Indenture or (ii), in the case of a Default or Event of Default in the payment of the principal of (or premium, if any) or interest, if any, on any Security, or in the payment of any sinking or purchase fund installment with respect to the Securities, a Responsible Officer of the Trustee has actual knowledge thereof.”

“(13) The permissive rights of the Trustee enumerated herein shall not be construed as duties.”

“(15) The Trustee shall not be liable for any action taken or omitted to be taken by it in good faith and believed by it to be authorized or within the discretion or rights and powers conferred upon it by this Indenture, and the Trustee shall not in any case be liable for any act taken or omitted to be taken by it hereunder except for its own negligence or willful misconduct.”

“(19) If at any time the Trustee is served with any judicial or administrative order, judgment, decree, writ or other form of judicial or administrative process which in any way affects this Indenture, the Securities, or funds held by it hereunder (including, but not limited to, orders of attachment or garnishment or other forms of levies or injunctions), the Trustee (i) shall notify the Company of such judicial or administrative order, judgment, decree, writ or other form of judicial or administrative process (unless and to the extent the Trustee is prohibited from providing such notification by applicable law, regulation, or order or by such judicial or administrative order, judgment, decree, writ or other form of judicial or administrative process) and (ii) is authorized to comply therewith; and if the Trustee complies with any such judicial or administrative order, judgment, decree, writ or other form of judicial or administrative process, the Trustee shall not be liable to any of the parties hereto or to any other person or entity for any action taken in compliance therewith even though such order, judgment, decree, writ or process may be subsequently modified or vacated or otherwise determined to have been without legal force or effect.”

ARTICLE VI COVENANTS

Section 6.01. Except as may be provided in a Future Supplemental Indenture, for the benefit of the Holders of the Notes but no other series of Securities under the Indenture, whether now or hereafter issued and Outstanding, Article Ten of the Base Indenture shall be amended by replacing Section 1006 thereto and adding the following new Sections 1007, 1008 and 1009 thereto, each as set forth below:

“Section 1006. Waiver of Certain Defaults.

As specified pursuant to Section 301(15), for Securities of any series, the Company may omit in any particular instance to comply with any covenant or condition set forth in any covenants of the Company added to Article Ten pursuant to Section 301(14) or Section 301(15) in connection with the Securities of a series, if before or after the time for such compliance the Holders of at least a majority in aggregate principal amount of all Outstanding Securities of such series, by Act of such Holders, either waive such compliance in such instance or generally waive compliance with such covenant or condition, but no such waiver shall extend to or affect such covenant or condition except to the extent so expressly waived, and, until such waiver shall become effective, the obligations of the Company and the duties of the Trustee in respect of any such covenant or condition shall remain in full force and effect. The Company will promptly notify the Trustee in writing of any such waiver or the revocation of any such waiver.”

“Section 1007. Section 18(a)(1)(A) of the Investment Company Act.

The Company hereby agrees that for the period of time during which Notes are Outstanding, the Company will not violate Section 18(a)(1)(A) as modified by Section 61(a)(2) of the Investment Company Act, or any successor provisions thereto of the Investment Company Act, whether or not the Company continues to be subject to such provisions of the Investment Company Act, but giving effect, in either case, to any exemptive relief granted to the Company by the Commission.”

“Section 1008. Section 18(a)(1)(B) of the Investment Company Act.

The Company hereby agrees that for the period of time during which Notes are Outstanding, pursuant to Section 18(a)(1)(B) as modified by Section 61(a)(2) of the Investment Company Act, or any successor provisions thereto of the Investment Company Act, the Company will not declare any dividend (except a dividend payable in stock of the Company), or declare any other distribution, upon a class of the capital stock of the Company, or purchase any such capital stock, unless, in every such case, at the time of the declaration of any such dividend or distribution, or at the time of any such purchase, the Company has an asset coverage (as defined in the Investment Company Act) of at least the threshold specified in Section 18(a)(1)(B) as modified by Section 61(a)(2) of the Investment Company Act, or any successor provisions thereto of the Investment Company Act, as such obligation may be amended or superseded, after deducting the amount of such dividend, distribution or purchase price, as the case may

be, and in each case giving effect to (i) any exemptive relief granted to the Company by the Commission, and (ii) any Commission no-action relief granted by the Commission to another business development company (or to the Company if it determines to seek such similar no-action or other relief) permitting the business development company to declare any cash dividend or distribution notwithstanding the prohibition contained in Section 18(a)(1)(B) as modified by Section 61(a)(2) of the Investment Company Act, as such obligation may be amended or superseded, in order to maintain such business development company's status as a regulated investment company under Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended."

"Section 1009. Commission Reports and Reports to Holders.

If, at any time, the Company is not subject to the reporting requirements of Sections 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act to file any periodic reports with the Commission, the Company agrees to publish on its website and to furnish to the Holders of Notes and the Trustee for the period of time during which the Notes are Outstanding: (i) within 90 days after the end of the each fiscal year of the Company (which fiscal year ends on December 31), audited annual consolidated financial statements of the Company and (ii) within 45 days after the end of each fiscal quarter of the Company (other than the Company's fourth fiscal quarter), unaudited interim consolidated financial statements of the Company. All such financial statements shall be prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with GAAP.

Delivery of these reports, information and documents to the Trustee is for informational purposes only and the Trustee's receipt of them will not constitute constructive notice of any information contained therein or determinable from information contained therein, including the Company's compliance with any of its covenants hereunder (as to which the trustee is entitled to rely exclusively on Officers' Certificates)."

ARTICLE VII REDEMPTION OF SECURITIES

Section 7.01. Except as may be provided in a Future Supplemental Indenture, for the benefit of the Holders of the Notes but no other series of Securities under the Indenture, whether now or hereafter issued and Outstanding, Section 1103 of the Base Indenture shall be amended by replacing the heading and first paragraph thereof with the following:

"Section 1103. Selection of Securities to Be Redeemed.

If less than all the Securities of any series issued on the same day with the same terms are to be redeemed, the particular Securities to be redeemed shall be selected not more than 60 days prior to the Redemption Date by the Trustee, or by the Depositary in the case of global Securities, in compliance with the requirements of DTC, from the Outstanding Securities of such series issued on such date with the same terms not previously called for redemption, in compliance with the requirements of the principal national securities exchange on which the Securities are listed (if the Securities are listed

on any national securities exchange), or if the Securities are not held through DTC or listed on any national securities exchange, or DTC prescribed no method of selection, on a *pro rata* basis, or by such method as the Trustee shall deem fair and appropriate and subject to and otherwise in accordance with the procedures of the applicable Depository; *provided* that such method complies with the rules of any national securities exchange or quotation system on which the Securities are listed, and may provide for the selection for redemption of portions (equal to the minimum authorized denomination for Securities of that series or any integral multiple thereof) of the principal amount of Securities of such series of a denomination larger than the minimum authorized denomination for Securities of that series; *provided, however*, that no such partial redemption shall reduce the portion of the principal amount of a Security not redeemed to less than the minimum authorized denomination for Securities of such series.”

ARTICLE VIII DEFEASANCE AND COVENANT DEFEASANCE

Section 8.01. Except as may be provided in a Future Supplemental Indenture, for the benefit of the Holders of the Notes but no other series of Securities under the Indenture, whether now or hereafter issued and Outstanding, Article Fourteen of the Base Indenture shall be amended by adding the following new Section 1406:

“Section 1406. Reinstatement.

If the Trustee or the Paying Agent is unable to apply any money or Government Obligations in accordance with any provision of this Article Fourteen by reason of an order or judgment of any court or governmental authority enjoining, restraining, or otherwise prohibiting such application, the Company’s obligations under this Indenture and the Notes shall be revived and reinstated as though no deposit had occurred pursuant to this Article Fourteen until such time as the Trustee or the Paying Agent is permitted to apply all such money and Government Obligations in accordance with this Article Fourteen; *provided, however*, that if the Company makes any payment of interest on or principal of any Note following the reinstatement of its obligations, the Company shall be subrogated to the rights of the Holders thereof to receive such payment from the money held by the Trustee or Paying Agent.”

ARTICLE IX MEETINGS OF HOLDERS OF SECURITIES

Section 9.01. Except as may be provided in a Future Supplemental Indenture, for the benefit of the Holders of the Notes but no other series of Securities under the Indenture, whether now or hereafter issued and Outstanding, Section 1505 of the Base Indenture shall be amended by replacing clause (c) thereof with the following:

“(c) At any meeting of Holders, each Holder of a Security of such series or proxy shall be entitled to one vote for each \$25.00 principal amount of the Outstanding Securities of such series held or represented by such Holder; *provided, however*, that no vote shall be cast or counted at any meeting in respect of any Security challenged as not

Outstanding and ruled by the chairman of the meeting to be not Outstanding. The chairman of the meeting shall have no right to vote, except as a Holder of a Security of such series or proxy.”

ARTICLE X MISCELLANEOUS

Section 10.01. This Seventh Supplemental Indenture and the Notes shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the law of the State of New York, without regard to principles of conflicts of laws. This Seventh Supplemental Indenture is subject to the provisions of the Trust Indenture Act that are required to be part of the Indenture and shall, to the extent applicable, be governed by such provisions.

Section 10.02. In case any provision in this Seventh Supplemental Indenture or in the Notes shall be invalid, illegal or unenforceable, the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions shall not in any way be affected or impaired thereby.

Section 10.03. This Seventh Supplemental Indenture may be executed in counterparts, each of which will be an original, but such counterparts will together constitute but one and the same Seventh Supplemental Indenture. The exchange of copies of this Seventh Supplemental Indenture and of signature pages by facsimile, .pdf transmission, email or other electronic means shall constitute effective execution and delivery of this Seventh Supplemental Indenture for all purposes. Signatures of the parties hereto transmitted by facsimile, .pdf transmission, email or other electronic means shall be deemed to be their original signatures for all purposes.

Section 10.04. The Base Indenture, as supplemented and amended by this Seventh Supplemental Indenture, is in all respects ratified and confirmed, and the Base Indenture and this Seventh Supplemental Indenture shall be read, taken and construed as one and the same instrument with respect to the Notes. All provisions included in this Seventh Supplemental Indenture supersede any conflicting provisions included in the Base Indenture with respect to the Notes, unless not permitted by law. The Trustee accepts the trusts created by the Base Indenture, as supplemented by this Seventh Supplemental Indenture, and agrees to perform the same upon the terms and conditions of the Base Indenture, as supplemented by this Seventh Supplemental Indenture.

Section 10.05. The provisions of this Seventh Supplemental Indenture shall become effective as of the date hereof.

Section 10.06. Notwithstanding anything else to the contrary herein, the terms and provisions of this Seventh Supplemental Indenture shall apply only to the Notes and shall not apply to any other series of Securities under the Indenture and this Seventh Supplemental Indenture shall not and does not otherwise affect, modify, alter, supplement or change the terms and provisions of any other series of Securities under the Indenture, whether now or hereafter issued and Outstanding.

Section 10.07. The recitals contained herein and in the Notes shall be taken as the statements of the Company, and the Trustee assumes no responsibility for their correctness. The Trustee makes no representations as to the validity or sufficiency of this Seventh Supplemental

Indenture, the Notes or any Additional Notes, except that the Trustee represents that it is duly authorized to execute and deliver this Seventh Supplemental Indenture, authenticate the Notes and any Additional Notes and perform its obligations hereunder. The Trustee shall not be accountable for the use or application by the Company of the Notes or any Additional Notes or the proceeds thereof.

Section 10.08. For the avoidance of doubt, all notices, approvals, consents, requests and any communications hereunder or with respect to the Notes must be in writing (provided that any communication sent to Trustee hereunder must be in the form of a document that is signed manually, by facsimile or by electronic signature, including without limitation, digital signature provided by DocuSign (or such other digital signature provider as specified in writing to Trustee by the authorized representative), all of which shall be of the same legal effect, validity or enforceability as a manual executed signature and in English. The Issuer agrees to assume all risks arising out of the use of using digital signatures and electronic methods to submit communications to Trustee, including without limitation the risk of Trustee acting on unauthorized instructions, and the risk of interception and misuse by third parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Seventh Supplemental Indenture to be duly executed as of the date first above written.

**NEWTEK BUSINESS SERVICES
CORP.**

By: /s/ Barry Sloane
Name: Barry Sloane
Title: Chief Executive Officer and
President

**U.S. BANK NATIONAL
ASSOCIATION, as Trustee**

By: /s/ Orlando Jones
Name: Orlando Jones
Title: Assistant Vice President

[Signature page to Seventh Supplemental Indenture]

Exhibit A – Form of Global Note

This Security is a Global Note within the meaning of the Indenture hereinafter referred to and is registered in the name of The Depository Trust Company or a nominee thereof. This Security may not be exchanged in whole or in part for a Security registered, and no transfer of this Security in whole or in part may be registered, in the name of any Person other than The Depository Trust Company or a nominee thereof, except in the limited circumstances described in the Indenture.

Unless this certificate is presented by an authorized representative of The Depository Trust Company to the issuer or its agent for registration of transfer, exchange or payment and such certificate issued in exchange for this certificate is registered in the name of Cede & Co., or such other name as requested by an authorized representative of The Depository Trust Company, any transfer, pledge or other use hereof for value or otherwise by or to any person is wrongful, as the registered owner hereof, Cede & Co., has an interest herein.

Newtek Business Services Corp.

No. \$
CUSIP No. 652526 708
ISIN No. US6525267083

5.50% Notes due 2026

Newtek Business Services Corp., a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of Maryland (herein called the “Company,” which term includes any successor Person under the Indenture hereinafter referred to), for value received, hereby promises to pay to Cede & Co., or registered assigns, the principal sum of _____ (U.S. \$ _____) on February 1, 2026 and to pay interest thereon from January 22, 2021 or from the most recent Interest Payment Date to which interest has been paid or duly provided for, quarterly on February 1, May 1, August 1 and November 1 in each year, commencing May 1, 2021, at the rate of 5.50% per annum, until the principal hereof is paid or made available for payment. The interest so payable, and punctually paid or duly provided for, on any Interest Payment Date will, as provided in such Indenture, be paid to the Person in whose name this Security is registered at the close of business on the Regular Record Date for such interest, which shall be January 15, April 15, July 15 and October 15 (whether or not a Business Day), as the case may be, next preceding such Interest Payment Date. Any such interest not so punctually paid or duly provided for will forthwith cease to be payable to the Holder on such Regular Record Date and may either be paid to the Person in whose name this Security is registered at the close of business on a Special Record Date for the payment of such Defaulted Interest to be fixed by the Trustee, notice whereof shall be given to Holders of Securities of this series not less than ten (10) days prior to such Special Record Date, or be paid at any time in any other lawful manner not inconsistent with the requirements of any securities exchange on which the Securities of this series may be listed, and upon such notice as may be required by such exchange, all as more fully provided in said Indenture. This Security may be issued as part of a series.

Payment of the principal of (and premium, if any, on) and any such interest on this Security will be made at the office of the Trustee located at 100 Wall Street, 6th Floor, New York, New York 10005, Attention: Global Corporate Trust and at such other address as designated by the Trustee, in such coin or currency of the United States of America as at the time of payment is legal tender for payment of public and private debts; *provided, however*, that at the option of the Company payment of interest may be made by check mailed to the address of the Person entitled thereto as such address shall appear in the Security Register; *provided, further, however*, that so long as this Security is registered to Cede & Co., such payment will be made by wire transfer in accordance with the procedures established by The Depository Trust Company and the Trustee.

Reference is hereby made to the further provisions of this Security set forth on the reverse hereof, which further provisions shall for all purposes have the same effect as if set forth at this place.

Unless the certificate of authentication hereon has been executed by the Trustee referred to on the reverse hereof by manual signature, this Security shall not be entitled to any benefit under the Indenture or be valid or obligatory for any purpose.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Company has caused this instrument to be duly executed.

Dated:

**NEWTEK BUSINESS SERVICES
CORP.**

By: _____
Name:
Title:

Attest

By: _____
Name:
Title:

This is one of the Securities of the series designated therein referred to in the within-mentioned Indenture.

Dated:

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,
as Trustee

By: _____
Authorized Signatory

Newtek Business Services Corp.
5.50% Notes due 2026

This Security is one of a duly authorized issue of Senior Securities of the Company (herein called the “Securities”), issued and to be issued in one or more series under an Indenture, dated as of September 23, 2015 (herein called the “Base Indenture”, which term shall have the meaning assigned to it in such instrument), between the Company and U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee (herein called the “Trustee”, which term includes any successor trustee under the Base Indenture), and reference is hereby made to the Base Indenture for a statement of the respective rights, limitations of rights, duties and immunities thereunder of the Company, the Trustee, and the Holders of the Securities and of the terms upon which the Securities are, and are to be, authenticated and delivered, as supplemented by the Seventh Supplemental Indenture relating to the Securities, dated January 22, 2021, by and between the Company and the Trustee (herein called the “Seventh Supplemental Indenture”, the Seventh Supplemental Indenture and the Base Indenture collectively are herein called the “Indenture”). In the event of any conflict between the Base Indenture and the Seventh Supplemental Indenture, the Seventh Supplemental Indenture shall govern and control.

This Security is one of the series designated on the face hereof, which series is initially limited in aggregate principal amount to \$. Under a Board Resolution, Officers’ Certificate pursuant to Board Resolutions or an indenture supplement, the Company may from time to time, without the consent of the Holders of Securities, issue additional Securities of this series (in any such case “Additional Securities”) having the same ranking and the same interest rate, maturity and other terms as the Securities. Any Additional Securities and the existing Securities will constitute a single series under the Indenture and all references to the relevant Securities herein shall include the Additional Securities unless the context otherwise requires. The aggregate amount of outstanding Securities represented hereby may from time to time be reduced or increased, as appropriate, to reflect exchanges and redemptions.

The Securities of this series are subject to redemption in whole or in part at any time or from time to time, at the option of the Company, on or after February 1, 2022, at a Redemption Price per security equal to the following amounts, plus accrued and unpaid interest to, but excluding, the Redemption Date:

- (1) 100% of the principal amount of the Securities to be redeemed *plus*
- (2) the sum of the present value of the scheduled payments of interest (exclusive of accrued and unpaid interest to the date of redemption) on the Securities to be redeemed from the Redemption Date until February 1, 2023, discounted to the Redemption Date on a semi-annual basis (assuming a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months) using the applicable Treasury Rate plus 50 basis points;

provided, however, that if the Company redeems any Securities on or after February 1, 2023 (the date falling three years prior to the maturity date of the Securities), the Redemption Price for the Securities will be equal to 100% of the principal amount of the Securities to be redeemed, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to, but excluding, the Redemption Date.

Notice of redemption shall be given in writing and mailed, first-class postage prepaid or by overnight courier guaranteeing next-day delivery, to each Holder of the Securities to be redeemed, not less than thirty (30) nor more than sixty (60) days prior to the Redemption Date, at the Holder's address appearing in the Security Register. All notices of redemption shall contain the information set forth in Section 1104 of the Base Indenture and shall be irrevocable when given.

Any exercise of the Company's option to redeem the Securities will be done in compliance with the Investment Company Act, to the extent applicable.

If the Company elects to redeem only a portion of the Securities, the Trustee or the Depository, as applicable, will determine the method for selecting the particular Securities to be redeemed, in accordance with Section 1.01 of the Seventh Supplemental Indenture, Section 1103 of the Base Indenture, and the rules of any national securities exchange or quotation system on which the Notes are listed, in each case to the extent applicable. In the event of redemption of this Security in part only, a new Security or Securities of this series and of like tenor for the unredeemed portion hereof will be issued in the name of the Holder hereof upon the cancellation hereof.

Unless the Company defaults in payment of the Redemption Price, on and after the Redemption Date, interest will cease to accrue on the Notes called for redemption.

Holders of Securities do not have the option to have the Securities repaid prior to February 1, 2026.

The Indenture contains provisions for defeasance at any time of the entire indebtedness of this Security or certain restrictive covenants and Events of Default with respect to this Security, in each case upon compliance with certain conditions set forth in the Indenture.

If an Event of Default with respect to Securities of this series shall occur and be continuing, the principal of the Securities of this series may be declared due and payable in the manner and with the effect provided in the Indenture.

The Indenture permits, with certain exceptions as therein provided, the amendment thereof and the modification of the rights and obligations of the Company and the rights of the Holders of the Securities of each series to be affected under the Indenture at any time by the Company and the Trustee with the consent of the Holders of not less than a majority in principal amount of the Securities at the time Outstanding of each series to be affected. The Indenture also contains provisions permitting the Holders of specified percentages in principal amount of the Securities of each series at the time Outstanding, on behalf of the Holders of all Securities of such series, to waive compliance by the Company with certain provisions of the Indenture and certain past defaults under the Indenture and their consequences. Any such consent or waiver by the Holder of this Security shall be conclusive and binding upon such Holder and upon all future Holders of this Security and of any Security issued upon the registration of transfer hereof or in exchange hereof or in lieu hereof, whether or not notation of such consent or waiver is made upon this Security.

As provided in and subject to the provisions of the Indenture, the Holder of this Security shall not have the right to institute any proceeding with respect to the Indenture or for the appointment of a receiver or trustee or for any other remedy thereunder, unless such Holder shall have previously given the Trustee written notice of a continuing Event of Default with respect to the Securities of this series, the Holders of not less than 25% in principal amount of the Securities of this series at the time Outstanding shall have made written request to the Trustee to institute proceedings in respect of such Event of Default in its own name as Trustee and offered the Trustee indemnity, security, or both reasonably satisfactory to the Trustee against the costs, expenses and liabilities to be incurred in compliance with such request, and the Trustee shall not have received from the Holders of a majority in principal amount of Securities of this series at the time Outstanding a direction inconsistent with such request, and shall have failed to institute any such proceeding, for sixty (60) days after receipt of such notice, request and offer of indemnity and/or security. The foregoing shall not apply to any suit instituted by the Holder of this Security for the enforcement of any payment of principal hereof or any premium or interest hereon on or after the respective due dates expressed herein.

No reference herein to the Indenture and no provision of this Security or of the Indenture shall alter or impair the obligation of the Company, which is absolute and unconditional, to pay the principal of and any premium and interest on this Security at the times, place and rate, and in the coin or currency, herein prescribed.

As provided in the Indenture and subject to certain limitations therein set forth, the transfer of this Security is registrable in the Security Register, upon surrender of this Security for registration of transfer at the office or agency of the Company in any place where the principal of and any premium and interest on this Security are payable, duly endorsed by, or accompanied by a written instrument of transfer in form satisfactory to the Company and the Security Registrar duly executed by, the Holder hereof or his attorney duly authorized in writing, and thereupon one or more new Securities of this series and of like tenor, of authorized denominations and for the same aggregate principal amount, will be issued to the designated transferee or transferees.

The Securities of this series are issuable only in registered form without coupons in denominations of \$25 and any integral multiples of \$25 in excess thereof. As provided in the Indenture and subject to certain limitations therein set forth, Securities of this series are exchangeable for a like aggregate principal amount of Securities of this series and of like tenor of a different authorized denomination, as requested by the Holder surrendering the same.

No service charge shall be made for any such registration of transfer or exchange, but the Company, the Trustee, or the Security Registrar may require payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge payable in connection therewith.

Prior to due presentment of this Security for registration of transfer, the Company, the Trustee, or the Security Registrar and any agent of the Company, the Trustee, or the Security Registrar may treat the Person in whose name this Security is registered as the owner hereof for all purposes, whether or not this Security be overdue, and none of the Company, the Trustee, the Security Registrar, or any agent thereof shall be affected by notice to the contrary.

All terms used in this Security which are defined in the Indenture shall have the meanings assigned to them in the Indenture.

The Indenture and this Security shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New York, without regard to principles of conflicts of laws.

January 22, 2021

Newtek Business Services Corp.
4800 T-Rex Avenue, Suite 120
Boca Raton, Florida 33431

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have acted as counsel to Newtek Business Services Corp., a Maryland corporation (the “*Company*”), in connection with the Registration Statement on Form N-2 (File No. 333-237974) (as amended as of the date hereof, the “*Registration Statement*”) filed by the Company with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the “*Commission*”) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “*Securities Act*”), previously declared effective by the Commission, relating to the public offering of securities of the Company that may be offered by the Company from time to time as set forth in the prospectus dated June 9, 2020, which was included in the Registration Statement, and which forms a part of the Registration Statement (the “*Prospectus*”), and as may be set forth from time to time in one or more supplements to the Prospectus. This opinion letter is rendered in connection with the public offering of \$115,000,000 in aggregate principal amount of the Company’s 5.50% unsecured notes due 2026 (the “*Notes*”), as described in the Prospectus and a prospectus supplement dated January 14, 2021 (the “*Prospectus Supplement*”). All of the Notes are to be sold by the Company as described in the Registration Statement and related Prospectus and Prospectus Supplement.

The Notes will be issued pursuant to the indenture, dated as of September 23, 2015, entered into between the Company and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee (the “*Trustee*”), as supplemented by a seventh supplemental indenture, substantially in the form filed as an exhibit to a Current Report on Form 8-K, to be entered into between the Company and the Trustee (collectively, the “*Indenture*”).

As counsel to the Company, we have participated in the preparation of the Registration Statement and have examined the originals or copies of the following:

- (i) The Articles of Amendment and Restatement of the Company, certified as of a recent date by the State Department of Assessments and Taxation of the State of Maryland (the “*Charter*”);
- (ii) A Certificate of Good Standing with respect to the Company issued by the State Department of Assessments and Taxation of the State of Maryland as of a recent date (the “*Certificate of Good Standing*”);

- (iii) The resolutions of the board of directors, or a duly authorized committee thereof, of the Company relating to, among other things, (a) the authorization and approval of the preparation and filing of the Registration Statement and (b) the authorization, execution and delivery of the Indenture;
- (iv) the Indenture; and
- (v) a specimen copy of the form of the Notes to be issued pursuant to the Indenture in the form attached to the Indenture.

With respect to such examination and our opinion expressed herein, we have assumed, without any independent investigation or verification, (i) the genuineness of all signatures on all documents submitted to us for examination, (ii) the legal capacity of all natural persons, (iii) the authenticity of all documents submitted to us as originals, (iv) the conformity to original documents of all documents submitted to us as conformed or reproduced copies and the authenticity of the originals of such copied documents, (v) that all certificates issued by public officials have been properly issued, (vi) the accuracy and completeness of all corporate records made available to us by the Company and (vii) that the Indenture will be a valid and legally binding obligation of the parties thereto (other than the Company).

This opinion letter has been prepared, and should be interpreted, in accordance with customary practice followed in the preparation of opinion letters by lawyers who regularly give, and such customary practice followed by lawyers who on behalf of their clients regularly advise opinion recipients regarding, opinion letters of this kind.

As to certain matters of fact relevant to the opinions in this opinion letter, we have relied up certificates and/or representations of officers of the Company. We have also relied on certificates and confirmations of public officials. We have not independently established the facts, or in the case of certificates or confirmations of public officials, the other statements, so relied upon.

The opinion set forth below is limited to the contract laws of the State of New York, as in effect on the date hereof, and we express no opinion with respect to any other laws of the State of New York or the laws of any other jurisdiction. Without limiting the preceding sentence, we express no opinion as to any state securities or broker-dealer laws or regulations thereunder relating to the offer, issuance or sale of the Notes.

On the basis of and subject to the foregoing, and subject to the all of the assumptions, qualifications and limitations set forth in this opinion letter, we are of the opinion that, when the Notes are duly executed and delivered by duly authorized officers of the Company and duly authenticated by the Trustee, all in accordance with the provisions of the Indenture, and delivered to the purchasers thereof against payment of the agreed consideration therefor, the Notes will constitute valid and legally binding obligations of the Company, enforceable against the Company in accordance with their terms, except as such enforceability may be

limited by applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, receivership, moratorium, fraudulent conveyance, and other similar laws affecting the rights and remedies of creditors generally and to general principles of equity (including without limitation the availability of specific performance or injunctive relief and the application of concepts of materiality, reasonableness, good faith and fair dealing), regardless of whether considered in a proceeding at law or in equity.

The opinions expressed in this opinion letter (a) are strictly limited to the matters stated in this opinion letter, and without limiting the foregoing, no other opinions are to be inferred and (b) are only as of the date of this opinion letter, and we are under no obligation, and do not undertake, to advise the Company or any other person or entity either of any change of law or fact that occurs, or of any fact that comes to our attention, after the date of this opinion letter, even though such change or such fact may affect the legal analysis or a legal conclusion in this opinion letter.

We hereby consent to the filing of this opinion as an exhibit to a Current Report on Form 8-K and to the reference to our firm in the "Legal Matters" section in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus Supplement. We do not admit by giving this consent that we are in the category of persons whose consent is required under Section 7 of the Securities Act.

/s/ EVERSHEDES SUTHERLAND (US) LLP

