

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

DIVISION OF CORPORATION FINANCE

November 30, 2017

Robert K. Brown NewStar Financial, Inc. 500 Boylston Street, Suite 1250 Boston, MA 02116

> Re: NewStar Financial, Inc. Preliminary Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A Filed November 9, 2017 File No. 001-33211 Schedule 13E-3 Filed November 27, 2017 by NewStar Financial Inc. *et al* File No. 005-82274

Dear Mr. Brown:

We have completed our review of your filings. We remind you that the company and its management are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of their disclosures, notwithstanding any review, comments, action or absence of action by the staff.

Sincerely,

/s/ Erin E. Martin

Erin E. Martin Special Counsel Office of Financial Services

cc: Lee Meyerson, Esq.