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

October 10, 2007

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

NewStar Financial, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction 001-33211 (Commission File Number) 54-2157878 (IRS Employer

Identification No.)

of incorporation)

500 Boylston Street, Suite 1600, Boston, MA 02116

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(617) 848-2500

(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

N/A

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

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ITEM 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On October 10, 2007, Joseph W. Saunders resigned from the Company s Board of Directors. The Company has issued a press release announcing Mr. Saunders resignation, which is furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K and incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release of NewStar Financial, Inc. dated October 10, 2007.

SIGNATURE

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

NEWSTAR FINANCIAL INC.

Date: October 10, 2007

By: /s/ JOHN K. BRAY John K. Bray Chief Financial Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No.Description99.1Press Release of NewStar Financial, Inc. dated October 10, 2007.