

Press Release

SANTANDER BANK RAISES ITS PRIME RATE TO 4.00%

BOSTON – March 16, 2017 –Santander Bank announced today it has raised its prime rate from 3.75% to 4.00%, effective March 15, 2017.

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