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**Scott Dikeman Joins Merchants Bank as Vice President and
Corporate Banking Officer**

SOUTH BURLINGTON, VT—Geoffrey R. Hesslink, Senior Vice President of Merchants Bank announced the appointment of Scott Dikeman as Vice President and Corporate Banking Officer. Dikeman will maintain offices in the Rutland branch.

Scott is an experienced and skilled commercial lender with more than 22 years' banking experience in the Rutland market. He began his career with Marble Bank and held various positions before becoming a commercial lender nineteen years ago. For the past eleven years, Dikeman served as Vice President, Commercial Banking Services, for Factory Point National Bank in Rutland.

In addition, Dikeman serves as Vice President for Rutland Economic Development Corporation and chairs its Finance Committee. He is also a member of the Rutland City Board of School Commissioners. Scott was born and raised in the Rutland area and currently resides in Rutland with his wife, Jackie and their children, Jonathan and Logan.



Scott Dikeman

The continuing mission of Merchants Bank is to provide Vermonters with a state-wide community bank that blends a strong technology platform with a genuine appreciation for local markets. Merchants Bank fulfills this commitment through a branch-based system that includes 36 community bank offices and 44 ATMs throughout Vermont, Personal Bankers dedicated to top-quality customer service and streamlined solutions, including: Personal Checking and Savings with Free Checking for Life®, a low-cost Money Market Account, Free Online Banking and Bill Pay, Overdraft Coverage, Direct Deposit, Free Debit Card,

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