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***SOUTH BURLINGTON, VT*** – Michael R. Tuttle, Executive Vice President and COO of Merchants Bank announced that Chris Jarvis has been appointed to the position of Commercial Banking Officer within the Commercial Banking Group of Merchants Bank.

A ten-year veteran of Merchants Bank with previous experience as a Corporate Banking Administrator, Chris has been the Branch President at Kennedy Drive since November 1999. Jarvis' branch team was a *Merchants Bank Branch of the Year finalist in 2003*.

Chris is currently finishing an assignment as *Loaned Executive* with the United Way of Chittenden County, reporting to the United Way office in Burlington since September 2 of this year. Jarvis' main responsibility is coordinating a portfolio of companies that participate in contributing to the United Way and educating their employees about the programs and services of the United Way.

"I have enjoyed working with the United Way and now I look forward to returning to Merchants Bank to further my career within the Commercial Banking Group," Jarvis commented.

In addition to his responsibilities with Merchants Bank and the United Way, Chris has been active on the board of the American Red Cross Emergency Services Northern Vermont Chapter and is the organization's Chairman.

The continuing mission of Merchants Bank is to provide Vermonters with a true community bank. It fulfills this commitment through a branch-based system that includes 35 bank offices throughout Vermont, employees dedicated to quality customer service and the LYNX family of products: Free Checking for Life<sup>®</sup>, MoneyLYNX<sup>®</sup> Money Market Account, TimeLYNX<sup>®</sup> Certificate of Deposit, HomeLYNX<sup>®</sup> Home Equity Line of Credit, ReallYNX<sup>®</sup> Residential Mortgages, CommerceLYNX<sup>®</sup> Business Banking Services, eLYNX<sup>®</sup> Online Banking and PhoneLYNX<sup>SM</sup> Automated Phone Banking. For more information about Merchants Bank visit our website at [www.mbvt.com](http://www.mbvt.com). Member FDIC. Equal Housing Lender.