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**SOUTH BURLINGTON, VT**—Thomas S. Leavitt, Senior Vice President, Retail Banking for Merchants Bank announced the appointment of Jill S. Miller to the position of Branch President for the Fair Haven branch of Merchants Bank. Jill succeeds Dick Duell, who is retiring after 37 outstanding years of leadership of the Fair Haven branch. She will lead a talented team that includes Dena Britton, Mary Phelps, Mary Ferguson and Barbara Stephenson.

Miller began her banking career with Chittenden Bank before moving to the Fair Haven office of First National Bank of Vermont in November 1989 as a Teller. At First National Bank of Vermont, she was employed within various roles prior to the acquisition of parent company IBG by Merchants Bank in 1993. Jill expanded her role as Teller/CR to Customer Representative and assumed a leading responsibility in lending volume in the Fair Haven office, contributing to *Branch of the Year* Finalist distinction in 2000. In July 2002, she earned promotion to Lender/CR. Jill has experience in all branch functions, including operations, customer service, sales and lending. She has an excellent knowledge of the Fair Haven customer base and market area extremely well, and has been praised for her relationship management skills.

“I am looking forward to extending my experience into an even more visible community role in my new responsibilities. I am grateful to Dick for his leadership and I wish Dick the best in his future endeavors,” commented Miller.

Miller is a native of Poultney, Vermont and graduated from Poultney High School. She resides in Fair Haven with her husband John and daughter Sarah, and is active in support of local school programs.

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