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Kidder Joins Merchants Bank as Commercial Loan Officer, WRJ

SOUTH BURLINGTON, VT –Geoffrey R. Hesslink, Senior Vice President for Merchants Bank is pleased to announce the appointment of William “Bill” Kidder, who joined Merchants Bank on October 30 as Commercial Loan Officer. Kidder will be based in the White River Junction office, working alongside Ed Childs and Vicki Olsen.

Kidder has extensive banking experience. Prior to joining Merchants Bank, he was employed with RBS Citizens, N.A. as a Vice President in the Corporate Banking Group with an office at 155 Maple Street, White River Junction. Kidder was with RBS Citizens, N.A. from June 2005 to October 2008 and was primarily responsible for the development of new commercial business in Vermont.

Kidder was with TD Banknorth, N.A. (f/k/a Banknorth, N.A. and First Vermont Bank) from February 1987 to June 2005. He joined the bank as a commercial loan officer trainee and at the time of his departure, Kidder was a Vice President and commercial banking officer. For approximately the first twelve years, Kidder worked out of the Brattleboro office developing business primarily in Windham County. For the next six years, he worked out of the Brattleboro and Woodstock offices with primary responsibility for developing business in Windsor County. For the last ten years, Kidder’s primary responsibility was in new business development.

Kidder’s hobbies include skiing and kayaking. He resides in Wilder with his wife and their three daughters. Kidder graduated from the University of Vermont with a BA in Economics and Political Science. He has been active in coaching youth soccer, volunteering for the United Way and for the Chamber of Commerce.

“I embrace my new position and look forward to assisting businesses with their lending needs,” said Kidder.



Bill Kidder, Merchants Bank, Commercial Loan Officer, White River Junction

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