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SOUTH BURLINGTON, VT—Thomas S. Leavitt, Senior Vice President, Retail Banking for Merchants Bank announced the appointment of Stacie W. Griffiths to position of Branch President of the Jericho branch of Merchants Bank. Stacie succeeds Kelley Jordick, who will assume leadership of the Hinesburg branch. Stacie will lead a team that includes Sandi Hardy, Shannon McDougal and Kay Greenough.

During her seven years with the Jericho branch, Stacie has been instrumental in the success of the branch, including earning *Branch of the Year* honors in 2000, and has been a *Branch of the Year* finalist three times. After working for a local florist for several years, Stacie began her career with Merchants Bank's Jericho branch as a Teller/Customer Representative in July 1998. She was soon the first to be promoted to the company's newly-designated Lender/Customer Representative position in August 2001. Stacie earned Certified Trainer responsibilities and lead Merchants Bank's *Installment Lending* course. Stacie worked with former Branch President, Kelley Jordick to launch an impressive *FDIC Money Smart* series of educational programs, and she served as chairperson for the statewide Merchants Bank *Deposit Operations Advisory Council*.

Leavitt commented, "She has consistently ranked among the highest branch performers and is highly regarded by her co-workers and customers."

Griffiths said, "I look forward to my new responsibilities and to serving the Jericho and Underhill community of Merchants Bank customers."

Stacie was born in Killeen, Texas, raised in Jericho, and graduated from Mt. Mansfield Union High School. She resides in Essex Junction with her husband Stephan.



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