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**MICHAEL SIMONEAU JOINS  
HAMPSHIRE FIRST BANK  
AS VICE PRESIDENT COMMERCIAL LENDING**

MANCHESTER, NH January 15, 2008 – Hampshire First Bank today announced that Michael J. Simoneau has been appointed Vice President of Commercial Lending. Working out of the 80 Canal Street Headquarters, Simoneau will be responsible for development and management of commercial business activity, including loans and deposits.

With almost 25 years in the banking industry, Michael has been an active lender in the Greater Manchester and Southern New Hampshire area. He currently resides in Manchester, NH with his family.

“Mike’s knowledge of local business and their needs enhances the bank’s ability to serve the community,” said President and CEO James Dunphy. “He understands our commitment to high-quality service and quick, local decision-making.”

Hampshire First Bank, New Hampshire’s first new bank of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, is a State Chartered Commercial Bank serving the financial needs of Southern New Hampshire, with offices in Manchester, Nashua and Keene.

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