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LEE JOINS VOLUNTEER STATE BANK AS SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT

SPRINGFIELD, Tenn. Feb. 14, 2007 – Officials at Volunteer State Bank recently announced that Kenneth Lee will join the bank as senior vice president, business development, focusing on serving the financial needs of local businesses. Lee will be based in Robertson County and work from the bank’s Springfield and White House offices.

“Ken’s extensive experience as a banker and commercial lender in Middle Tennessee make him a perfect fit for both Volunteer State Bank and Robertson County,” said Matt Ricker, president of Volunteer State Bank. “He is committed to helping our commercial customers improve their businesses, which in turn helps our community.”

Lee comes to Volunteer State Bank having spent two years as a vice president with Community Bank & Trust of Cheatham County. There he managed the main office. Previously, he worked for The Bank of Nashville as a vice president in the commercial banking department, where he serviced the largest commercial client relationships in the bank. From 1997 to 2003 he was a vice president for commercial banking at SunTrust, where he handled commercial clients with annual revenue of \$5 million to \$100 million.

He is a graduate of the American Bankers Association School of Commercial Lending at the University of Oklahoma; the Tennessee Bankers Association School of Commercial Lending at Vanderbilt University; LEK University program on Corporate Lending For Private Clients; Dunn & Bradstreet School for Commercial Lending; the 3M Sales School in Atlanta and the Lanier Sales School in Winston Salem.

Lee is active in the First Baptist Church in White House. He founded a Boy Scout Explorer Post devoted to assisting youth interested in careers in banking and finance.

Chartered in 1977 in Portland, Volunteer State Bank is a fast growing community bank in Middle Tennessee with assets of over \$210 million and offices in Sumner and Robertson County. The bank has seven locations in Portland, Gallatin, Hendersonville, Orlinda, Springfield and White House. Volunteer State continues to expand its products through its subsidiaries, Guaranty Trust Company and Middle Tennessee Insurance Agency.

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