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Thomas J. Hollister of Global Partners, LP joins Brookline Bancorp's Board of Directors

Brookline, MA (April 30, 2009) – Brookline Bancorp's Chairman Richard P. Chapman, Jr. has announced that Thomas J. Hollister, Chief Operating Officer of Global Partners, LP has joined the Brookline Bancorp's Board of Directors. Global Partners, LP, a Fortune 500 company is an independent wholesale distributor of gasoline, diesel fuel, bio-fuel, heating oil and other refined petroleum products in the Northeast. Global Partners, LP is headquartered in Waltham, MA.

"I want to welcome Tom to Brookline's Board of Directors" said Chapman. "Tom is a respected business leader in his industry as well as the New England business arena. I look forward to his participation and counsel as we build upon our reputation and enhance our connections with customers and communities in our marketplace."

Prior to joining Global Partners, LP, he was a Vice Chairman of Citizens Financial Group, a \$140 billion subsidiary of The Royal Bank of Scotland. Mr. Hollister is the former Chair of the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce and currently serves on the Chamber's Executive Committee. He is also Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees of Wheaton College, a Trustee of Tufts Medical Center and has been involved in several not-for-profit organizations.

Brookline Bancorp is the parent of Brookline Bank, a community bank established in 1871 and headquartered in Brookline, MA. With assets of \$2.6 billion, it has 18 branch office locations in Arlington, Bedford, Brookline, Burlington, Lexington, Malden, Medford, Needham, Newton and West Roxbury.

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