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NEXTIER BANK NAMES NEW CHIEF RISK OFFICER

BUTLER, PA April 5, 2016 — NexTier Bank, (www.nexttierbank.com), an established community bank serving Butler, Armstrong and Allegheny County, recently announced a new addition to the executive management team. Todd J. Simko is NexTier Bank's new Chief Risk Officer. In this role, Simko will oversee risk management and compliance for the entire organization.

Prior to joining the team, Simko served as the Deputy Chief Credit Officer at the Pittsburgh Federal Home Loan Bank. His experience includes eight years as a federal bank examiner and various duties at the FHLB including chairman of their credit risk committee and a member of their risk management committee, and emerging risk committee.

Simko will replace Mark Schoen, who has accepted a new role as Chief Knowledge Officer. In his new role, Schoen will be responsible for investment management and monitoring, implementation and management of the bank's FDICIA program, liquidity management, and capital and liquidity stress testing.

"NexTier Bank continues to grow and expand across Southwestern Pennsylvania. With growth and success comes a new set of challenges. In our case, being above \$1 Billion in assets means that we now have a whole new set of accounting, auditing, and other internal process control rules to follow," said Rich Krauland, Chief Executive Officer. "I am confident that in their new roles, Mark and Todd will assist us in building an infrastructure that supports long-term growth, while maintaining the appropriate levels of control required by regulators."

Mr. Simko received his Bachelor of Science from Robert Morris University and is currently attending the American Banker Association Stonier National Graduate School of Banking.

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About NexTier Inc.

NexTier Inc. serves the western Pennsylvania region with corporate offices in Kittanning. NexTier, Inc. includes NexTier Bank, NexTier Wealth Management, and ESS NexTier Insurance. NexTier Bank has 26 community offices throughout Allegheny, Butler and Armstrong counties. As of February 29, 2016, NexTier Bank reported total assets of \$1.15 billion, total loans of \$863 million and total deposits of \$939 million. www.nexttierbank.com