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United Community Bank Expands Renewable Energy Lending Team

Adds Experienced Banker Britt Lothridge

GREENVILLE, S.C. – January 28, 2021 – [United Community Bank](#) is pleased to expand its growing Renewable Energy Lending team with the addition of Britt Lothridge. Since the division was created in 2017, the team has played a critical role in the financings of 119 projects, contributing to the growth of the solar energy industry throughout the country. Lothridge joins team leader Clayton Summers and experienced industry veteran Steve Trabucco.

“Britt’s unique background working directly in the solar industry and relationship banking is the right skillset that we need to effectively partner with organizations across the footprint on renewable energy solutions,” said Summers, Senior Vice President and Renewable Energy Finance Team Lead for United Community Bank. “We are excited about the potential growth opportunities with the addition of Britt to the team.”

Lothridge began his career in banking with J.P. Morgan Chase, where he spent nearly a decade serving as both a relationship manager and branch manager. After several years as a business banking manager with other large regional banks in the Atlanta area, Lothridge transitioned to Director of Sales with Velo Solar, one of the leading commercial solar installation companies in the Southeast. In this role, Lothridge focused on strategic partnerships, including recent joint venture between Velo Solar and an oil & gas company and developing the company’s rooftop division.

“After an incredibly successful year, we are thrilled for the possibilities that a banker like Britt will offer,” said Jim Rose, North Carolina State President and the bank’s Renewable Energy Executive. “We are very pleased that Clayton and his team are able to participate so actively in the solar energy financing arena and look forward to continued growth in 2021.”

“I look forward to working with both clients and prospects across United’s five state footprint in becoming more energy efficient through various renewable technologies in a matter that makes sense financially,” added Lothridge. “This will be another way we help serve our clients and communities.”

Lothridge is a graduate of the University of Georgia. During his tenure at Velo Solar, Britt was an active member of Georgia Solar Energy Association as well as Solar Energy Industries Association.

About United Community Banks, Inc.

United Community Banks, Inc. (NASDAQ: UCBI) (United) is a bank holding company headquartered in Blairsville, Georgia, with executive offices in Greenville, South Carolina. United is one of the largest

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full-service financial institutions in the Southeast, with \$17.8 billion in assets, and 160 offices in Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee. United Community Bank, United's wholly-owned bank subsidiary, specializes in personalized community banking services for individuals, small businesses and companies throughout its geographic footprint, including Florida under the brand Seaside Bank and Trust. Services include a full range of consumer and commercial banking products, including mortgage, advisory, treasury management, and wealth management. Respected national research firms consistently recognize United for outstanding customer service. In 2020, J.D. Power ranked United highest in customer satisfaction with retail banking in the Southeast, marking six out of the last seven years United earned the coveted award. United was also named "Best Banks to Work For" by American Banker in 2020 for the fourth year in a row based on employee satisfaction. Forbes included United in its inaugural list of the World's Best Banks in 2019 and again in 2020. Forbes also recognized United on its 2020 list of the 100 Best Banks in America for the seventh consecutive year. United also received five Greenwich Excellence Awards in 2019 for excellence in Small Business Banking and Middle Market Banking, including a national award for Overall Satisfaction in Small Business Banking. Additional information about United can be found at www.ucbi.com.