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Susquehanna Patriot Bank Promotes Rhonda Skodacek to Senior Executive Vice President of Retail Banking

MARLTON, N.J., January 16, 2007 - Susquehanna Patriot Bank, a subsidiary of Susquehanna Bancshares, Inc. (Nasdaq: SUSQ) announces the promotion of Rhonda L. Skodacek to Senior Executive Vice President of Retail Banking. In this role, Skodacek is responsible for enhancing the value of traditional banking by responsibly accomplishing the company's objectives of overseeing the retail division and providing leadership and coaching to branch management.

Skodacek was formerly the director of retail for Susquehanna Patriot Bank's Pennsylvania division. She has also held the positions of regional retail sales manager and branch manager within the organization. Prior to joining Susquehanna, Skodacek was a branch manager at Sovereign Bank, Bethlehem, Pa. She formerly owned and operated her own retail card and gift shop for six years.

A resident of Lehigh, Pa., Skodacek serves on the board of directors and volunteers for the Walnutport Canal Association, Walnutport, Pa.

A graduate of Tamaqua Area High School, Tamaqua, Pa., Skodacek took business courses at McCann's School of Business, Allentown, Pa., and through the Pennsylvania Bankers Association.

About Susquehanna Patriot Bank

Susquehanna Patriot Bank, headquartered in Marlton, N.J., is a \$2.9 billion wholly-owned subsidiary of Susquehanna Bancshares, Inc. (NASDAQ: SUSQ), which has assets of more than \$8 billion. Susquehanna Patriot Bank operates 51 retail branches throughout Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, Cumberland and Gloucester Counties in New Jersey; and Berks, Chester, Delaware, Lehigh, Montgomery and Northampton counties in Pennsylvania. For more information, visit www.susquehanna.net