ELLINGTON KIMBERLY J

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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Last)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * **ELLINGTON KIMBERLY J**

(First)

(Street)

(State)

(Middle)

(Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

FIRST MERCHANTS CORP

[FRME]

Director 10% Owner

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

(Month/Day/Year) 02/27/2011

__X__ Other (specify X_ Officer (give title below) below) Director Human Resources / Senior Vice

(Check all applicable)

President

200 E JACKSON STREET

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

MUNCIE, IN 47305

(City)

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3) (Month/Day/Year)

4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of Code (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Securities Form: Direct Indirect Beneficially (D) or Owned Indirect (I) Following (Instr. 4) Reported

Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

(A) or Code Amount (D)

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Price

Common 02/27/2011 Stock (2)

\$ F 510 D (1) 8.89

10,170.0676 D

> SEC 1474 (9-02)

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

ELLINGTON KIMBERLY J 200 E JACKSON STREET MUNCIE, IN 47305

Director Human Resources Senior Vice President

Signatures

Larry R. Helms (Confirming Statement on File) 04/06/2011

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Includes 5,507.481 shares held in restricted stock awards and 320.8576 shares in reporting person's 401(k) account.
- (2) Employee Stock Option, Right to Buy = 28,057

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