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(Print or Type	Responses)										
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * CONNORS ROBERT R2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) Issuer							on(s) to				
			FIRST MERCHANTS CORP [FMRE]					(Check all applicable)			
(Me			(Month/	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/14/2008				Director 10% Owner _XOfficer (give titleX Other (specify below) below) Senior Vice President / Operations and Technology			
				-				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
								Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
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1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		Date, if	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities order Disposed (Instr. 3, 4 and	of (D) nd 5)		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 4)		
$\frac{\text{Common}}{\text{Stock } (1)}$	01/14/2008	01/14/20	008	Ι	284.2206	А	\$ 20.33	1,576.1102	Ι	By 401 (k) plan	

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

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

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3,	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		Amou Unde Secur	le and unt of rlying ities . 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secu Bene Owno Follo Repo Trans (Instr
			Code V	4, and 5) (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
CONNORS ROBERT R 200 EAST JACKSON STREET MUNCIE, IN 47305			Senior Vice President	Operations and Technology				
Signatures								
Larry R. Helms (Confirming Stat on File)	ement	0	1/15/2008					
**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) Reporting person beneficially owns an additional 3,722 shares directly.
- (2) Employee Stock Option Right to Buy equals 31,056 shares.

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