WOJTOWICZ JEAN L

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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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1(b).

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and A WOJTOWIO	Symbol	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol FIRST MERCHANTS CORP				5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer				
[FRME			RME]				(Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(First) (M	,	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)				_X_ Director Officer (given by the control of		6 Owner er (specify	
200 EAST J		03/31/2010				below)				
			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_Form filed by One Reporting Person			
MUNCIE, II						Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tal	le I - Non-De	erivative S	Securi	ties Ac	quired, Disposed	of, or Beneficia	lly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		Code	4. Securion Acquired Disposed (Instr. 3,	d (A) o d of (D 4 and (A) or))	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
Common Stock (1)	03/31/2010		A	897	A	\$0	5,101	D		

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)

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Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	ofNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)			Amou Under Securi (Instr.	rlying	Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
WOJTOWICZ JEAN L 200 EAST JACKSON STREET MUNCIE, IN 47305	X					

Signatures

Larry R. Helms (Confirming Statement 04/02/2010 on File)

**Signature of Reporting Person

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) Non-employee Director Stock Option (Right to Buy) = 7,285 shares

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