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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

| | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol FIRST MERCHANTS CORP [FRME] | | | | 5 | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | | | |
|--------------------------------------|---|--|---|---|--|---------|--------------|--|--|---|--|
| (Last) 200 E JAC | | (Middle) | | of Earliest Transaction (Day/Year) 2013 | | | | _X Director Officer (give ti pelow) | | Owner r (specify | |
| | (Street) | | | endment, D | Oate Original ar) | | A | 6. Individual or Join Applicable Line) X_ Form filed by Or | • | | |
| MUNCIE, IN 47305 | | | F | | | | | Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | Tab | le I - Non- | Derivative S | Securi | ties Acqui | ired, Disposed of, | or Beneficiall | y Owned | |
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | E 2A. Deeme Execution any (Month/Da | Date, if | 3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities over Disposed (Instr. 3, 4 | d of (D |)) | 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 | 05/01/2013 | | | P | 103.881 | A | \$ 16.044 | 18,397.062 (1) | 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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| 1. Title of | 2. | 3. Transaction Date | | 4. | 5. | 6. Date Exerc | | 7. Titl | | 8. Price of | 9. Nu |
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| Derivative | Conversion | (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if | Transacti | orNumber | Expiration D | ate | Amou | int of | Derivative | Deriv |
| Security | or Exercise | | any | Code | of | (Month/Day/ | Year) | Under | lying | Security | Secui |
| (Instr. 3) | Price of | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Derivative | e | | Securi | ities | (Instr. 5) | Bene |
| | Derivative | | • | | Securities | | | (Instr. | 3 and 4) | | Owne |
| | Security | | | | Acquired | | | | | | Follo |
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| | | | | | | Exercisable Date | - | Title | Number | | |
| | | | | | | | Date | | of | | |
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | | | | Shares | | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------|--------------|--|--|--|--|
| r g | Director | 10% Owner | Officer Othe | | | | |
| Lehman Gary | | | | | | | |
| 200 E JACKSON ST | X | | | | | | |
| MUNCIE, IN 47305 | | | | | | | |

Signatures

Rhonda D. Bost (Confirming Statement on File) 05/02/2013

**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) Includes Restricted Stock Awards totaling 3,817 shares

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