FIRST MERCHANTS CORP

Form 4

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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).

(Print or Type Responses)

See Instruction

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Sherman Patrick A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

FIRST MERCHANTS CORP [FRME]

(Check all applicable)

(Last)

(First)

(Street)

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

X_ Director Officer (give title

10% Owner Other (specify

200 E JACKSON STREET

02/02/2015

(Month/Day/Year)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

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below)

MUNCIE, IN 47305

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

3. Transaction Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

22.531

4. Securities Acquired (A) 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

Reported

Transaction(s)

7. Nature of 6. Ownership Indirect Form: Beneficial Direct (D) Ownership or Indirect (Instr. 4)

(I) (Instr. 4)

Common Stock

02/02/2015

Code Amount

P

(D) Price

22.192

(A)

or

A

(Instr. 3 and 4)

27,582.163 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 Derivative | 2. Conversion | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 4. Transactio | 5. orNumber | 6. Date Exerc Expiration D | | 7. Title at Amount of | | 8. Price of Derivative | 9. Nu Deriv |
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| Security (Instr. 3) | or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | (monda, Day, Teal) | (Month/Day/Year) | Code (Instr. 8) | of (Month/Da Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | | | Underlyin Securities (Instr. 3 a | ng s | Security (Instr. 5) | Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr |
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | or Title Nu of | nount umber uares | | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|--|
| ·r· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | |
| Sherman Patrick A 200 E JACKSON STREET MUNCIE, IN 47305 | X | | | | | | |

Signatures

Jennifer Mainord (Confirming Statement on File)

**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 Restricted Stock Awards totaling 5,441 shares

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