

Form 144

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED SALE OF SECURITIES  
PURSUANT TO RULE 144 UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

## 144: Filer Information

Filer CIK 0001344155  
Filer CCC XXXXXXXXX  
Is this a LIVE or TEST Filing? ☒ LIVE ☐ TEST

### Submission Contact Information

Name  
Phone  
E-Mail Address

## 144: Issuer Information

Name of Issuer First Merchants Corporation  
SEC File Number 001-41342  
200 E Jackson Street  
Address of Issuer Muncie  
INDIANA  
47305  
Phone 7657471378  
Name of Person for Whose Account the Securities are To Be Sold Michael C. Rechin

See the definition of "person" in paragraph (a) of Rule 144. Information is to be given not only as to the person for whose account the securities are to be sold but also as to all other persons included in that definition. In addition, information shall be given as to sales by all persons whose sales are required by paragraph (e) of Rule 144 to be aggregated with sales for the account of the person filing this notice.

Relationship to Issuer Director

## 144: Securities Information

Title of the Class of Securities To Be Sold	Name and Address of the Broker	Number of Shares or Other Units To Be Sold	Aggregate Market Value	Number of Shares or Other Units Outstanding	Approximate Date of Sale	Name the Securities Exchange
Common Stock	PNC Investments 11405 North Pennsylvania Street Carmel IN 46032	10000	375400	59398022	12/14/2023	NASDAQ

Furnish the following information with respect to the acquisition of the securities to be sold and with respect to the payment of all or any part of the purchase price or other consideration therefor:

## 144: Securities To Be Sold

Title of the Class	Date you Acquired	Nature of Acquisition Transaction	Name of Person from	Is this	Date Donor Acquired	Amount of Securities Acquired	Date of Payment	Nature of Payment *
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			Whom Acquired	a Gift?		
Common Stock	08/16/2021	Vested Restricted Stock Awards plus Dividends Paid and Reinvested Quarterly	First Merchants Corporation	<input type="checkbox"/>	7833	08/16/2021 Grant
Common Stock	11/29/2016	Stock Options Exercise.	First Merchants Corporation	<input type="checkbox"/>	13300	11/29/2016 Options

\* If the securities were purchased and full payment therefor was not made in cash at the time of purchase, explain in the table or in a note thereto the nature of the consideration given. If the consideration consisted of any note or other obligation, or if payment was made in installments describe the arrangement and state when the note or other obligation was discharged in full or the last installment paid.

Furnish the following information as to all securities of the issuer sold during the past 3 months by the person for whose account the securities are to be sold.

## 144: Securities Sold During The Past 3 Months

Nothing to Report ☒

## 144: Remarks and Signature

Remarks

Date of Notice

12/14/2023

**ATTENTION:**

The person for whose account the securities to which this notice relates are to be sold hereby represents by signing this notice that he does not know any material adverse information in regard to the current and prospective operations of the Issuer of the securities to be sold which has not been publicly disclosed. If such person has adopted a written trading plan or given trading instructions to satisfy Rule 10b5-1 under the Exchange Act, by signing the form and indicating the date that the plan was adopted or the instruction given, that person makes such representation as of the plan adoption or instruction date.

Signature

Jacob Burkett

**ATTENTION: Intentional misstatements or omission of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations (See 18 U.S.C. 1001)**