FORM 4

## **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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STATEMENT	OF	CHANGES	IN BEI	NEFICIAL	<b>OWNERS</b>	HIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* FLUHLER STEPHAN					2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol FIRST MERCHANTS CORP [ FRME ]						(Che	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  Director 10% Owner  V Officer (give title V Other (specify					
(Last) 200 E JA	(Fi	,	(Middle)		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/09/2022						X Officer (give title X other (specify below)  Chief Information Officer / Senior Vice  President						
(Street) MUNCII			47305 (Zip)		4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) 12/16/2022					Line	Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable e)  X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				.		
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																	
Date			Transactio te onth/Day/\	Execution Date,		3. Transaction Code (Instr. 3, 4) 5) 8) 4. Securities Acquired (A) Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4) 5)			5. Amour Securitie Beneficia Owned F	es For ally (D) following (I) (		m: Direct or Indirect nstr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)				
							Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transacti (Instr. 3 a	tion(s)			mad. 4)		
	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)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date if any (Month/Day/Yea	Code	ansaction Derivative E		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) 7. Title and An of Securities Underlying Derivative Sec (Instr. 3 and 4)		ies g Security	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)			10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		(Instr. 4)	лі(ә)			
Phantom Stock	(1)	12/09/2022		A		29.908		(1)	(1)	Common Stock	29.908	\$42.11	505.84	6	D		
Phantom Stock	(1)	12/16/2022		A		4.577 <sup>(2)</sup>		(1)	(1)	Common Stock	4.577	\$39.9(2)	510.42	3	D		

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. Each share of phantom stock is the economic equivalent of one share of FRME common stock. The shares of phantom stock will be settled in cash or shares of FRME common stock, at the reporting person's election, upon separation from First Merchants.
- 2. Amended to correct price of derivative security and number of shares purchased.

## Remarks:

Jacob Burkett (Confirming 03/23/2023 Statement on File)

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

- $^{\ast}$  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).

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