FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

| Washington, | D.C. | 20549 | |
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* KELLOGG CLARK C JR | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol FIRST MERCHANTS CORP [FRME] | | | | | | | | | k all app | , | | | | | |
|---|--|-------|------------------------------|---|---|--|---|-----|---|-----|----------|--|--|----------------------------|--|--|---|---------|----------|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) 200 EAST JACKSON STREET | | | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/31/2020 | | | | | | | | | Office below | er (give title /) | | Other (below) | specify | | |
| (Street) MUNCI | E IN | | 7305 Zip) | | 4. If A | | | | | | | | | 6. Ind Line) | Form Form | lual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | |
| | | Table | I - No | n-Deriva | tive S | Secu | rities | Acq | uired, | Dis | posed of | , or E | Bene | ficiall | y Own | ed | | | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transact Date (Month/Date | | | Execution Da | | | Date, | 3. 4. Securi Transaction Disposed Code (Instr. 8) | | | | | , 4 and Securi Benefi | | ies cially Following | Forn (D) o | wnership n: Direct or Indirect nstr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | Code | v | Amount | (A) (D) | or P | rice | Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | | (1150.4) | |
| Common Stock | | | 03/31/2 | ′2020 | | | | A | | 560 | A \$ | | 26.49 | 1,519 ⁽¹⁾ | | | D | | | |
| | 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) | ative Conversion Date Execution Date, if any | | 4. Transa Code (8) | (Instr. Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) Date Expiration Exercisable Date | | | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Inst 3 and 4) Amoun or Numbe of Title Shares | | str. | Price of erivative ecurity estr. 5) | 9. Number derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4) | y | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | | | |

Explanation of Responses:

1. Includes Restricted Stock Awards totaling 1,310 shares

Remarks:

Addison Nicoll (Confirming Statement on File)

04/02/2020

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).
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