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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person [*] <u>Kawiecki Michele</u>				2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol FIRST MERCHANTS CORP [FRME]											5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title X Other (specify below) DIRECTOR OF FINANCE / SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT						
(Last) (First) (Middle) 200 EAST JACKSON ST				3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/07/2016																	
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Date Exercisable Expiration

Explanation of Responses:

1. Includes Restricted Stock Awards totaling 4,249.745 shares

Remarks:

<u>Jennifer Mainord (Confirming</u> Statement on File)

03/09/2016

** Signature of Reporting Person

Number

of Shares

Title

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).
- ** 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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