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* WOJTOWICZ JEAN L | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol FIRST MERCHANTS CORP [FRME] | | | | | | | | | | k all app | nship of Reporting F I applicable) Director Officer (give title pelow) | | rson(s) to Is | |
|--|--|---------|---------------------------------|--|---|--|--------|--|--------|--|---|--|---------|--|--|--|---|---------------|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) 200 E JACKSON STREET | | | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 09/30/2020 | | | | | | | | | | Other (specify below) | | | | |
| (Street) MUNCII (City) | | ate) (Z | 7305 Zip) | | | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | Line) X | Form Form Perso | dual 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 | Benefic | cially | / Own | ed | | | |
| Date | | | 2. Transac Date (Month/Da | Executions/Year) if any | | Deemed ecution Date, ny onth/Day/Year) | | | | es Acquired (A) Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 | | and Securit | | ies cially Following | Forr (D) (| m: Direct or Indirect nstr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |
| | | | | | | | | Code | v | Amount | (A) ((D) | Pric | e | Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | | (1130.4) | |
| Common Stock 09/30 | | | | 09/30/2 | 2020 | | | A | | 742 | A \$2 | | 3.16 | 6 35,523.541 ⁽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) | vative Conversion Date Execution Date, urity or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if any | | | saction of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) Date Exercisable Expiration Date | | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr 3 and 4) Amount or Number of Title Shares | | De Se (In | Price of rivative curity str. 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 4,155 shares

Remarks:

Jennifer Mainord (Confirming Statement on File)

10/02/2020

** 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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