U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, DC 20549

FORM 4

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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

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If the Form is filed by more than one Reporting Person, see Instruction

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Table II -- Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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Non-Employee Director Stock Option (Right to Buy)

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Explanation of Responses: (1) Includes 6.7981 shares acquired in September 2001, under the First Merchants Corporation dividend reinvestment plan. On August 14, 2001, the Board of Directors of First Merchants Corporation declared a stock dividend payable to all holders of record of common stock on September 3, 2001 of one share of common stock for each 20 shares of common stock outstanding to be distributed on September 24, 2001. Fractional shares were distributed in cash. Pursuant to anti-dilution provisions of First Merchants Corporation's various stock option plans, options previously reported were also adjusted to reflect the stock dividend.

/s/ Larry R. Helms	October 9, 2001
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date
Frank A. Bracken	
(Confirming Statement on File)	

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations.

See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space provided is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.