FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>CLARK THOMAS B</u>						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol FIRST MERCHANTS CORP [ FRME ]									5. Relationsh (Check all ap X Dire		icable)	g Person(s) to	lssuer Owner
(Last) (First) (Middle) 200 EAST JACKSON STREET						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 04/28/2008										Officer below)	r (give title )	Othe belov	(specify v)
(Street)  MUNCIE  (City)			17305 Zip)			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) 02/19/2008									ine) X	idual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
		Tabl	e I - Noi	n-Deriv	ative	Se	curiti	es Ac	quired	, Dis	posed o	f, oı	Ben	efici	ally O	wne	d		
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transac Date (Month/Da					Execution Da		n Date,	Code (Instr.						nd S B	Owned Following		6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership	
									Code	v	Amount		(A) or (D)	Price	,  т	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)			(Instr. 4)
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup> 02/14/					/2008	2008			S		300		D	\$27	'.56	5,387		D	
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup> 02/14/				1/2008	/2008					88		D	\$27	'.55	5,299		D		
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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deeme Execution if any (Month/Day	Date, Transa Code (I			n of Deri Secu Acq (A) o Disp of (I	of I		6. Date Exercisable Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)			7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4)		8. Price Deriva Securi (Instr.	tive (ty (5))	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s (Instr. 4)	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercis	able	Expiration Date	Title	or Nui of	ount mber ares					

## **Explanation of Responses:**

1. Employee Stock Option - Right to Buy equals 11,454.

<u>Larry R. Helms (Confirming Statement on File)</u>

04/28/2008

\*\* 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).
- \*\* 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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