

Form 144

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED SALE OF SECURITIES  
PURSUANT TO RULE 144 UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

## 144: Filer Information

Filer CIK 0001736608  
Filer CCC XXXXXXXXX  
Is this a LIVE or TEST Filing?  LIVE  TEST

### Submission Contact Information

Name  
Phone  
E-Mail Address

## 144: Issuer Information

Name of Issuer First Merchants Corporation  
SEC File Number 001-41342  
Address of Issuer 200 E Jackson Street  
Muncie  
INDIANA  
47305  
Phone 7657471378  
Name of Person for Whose Account the Securities are To Be Sold Patrick J. Fehring  
See the definition of "person" in paragraph (a) of Rule 144. Information is to be given not only as to the person for whose account the securities are to be sold but also as to all other persons included in that definition. In addition, information shall be given as to sales by all persons whose sales are required by paragraph (e) of Rule 144 to be aggregated with sales for the account of the person filing this notice.  
Relationship to Issuer Director

## 144: Securities Information

Title of the Class of Securities To Be Sold	Name and Address of the Broker	Number of Shares or Other Units To Be Sold	Aggregate Market Value	Number of Shares or Other Units Outstanding	Approximate Date of Sale	Name the Securities Exchange
Common Stock	Cetera Investment Services LLC 400 First Steet South Suite 300 St. Cloud MN 56301	23936	778063.62	58564819	05/30/2024	NASDAQ

Furnish the following information with respect to the acquisition of the securities to be sold and with respect to the payment of all or any part of the purchase price or other consideration therefor:

## 144: Securities To Be Sold

Title of the Class	Date you Acquired	Nature of Acquisition	Name of Person from	Is this	Date Donor	Amount of Securities	Date of Payment	Nature of Payment *
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Transaction	Whom Acquired	a Gift?	Acquired	Acquired
Common Stock 05/30/2024 Stock Option Exercise	First Merchants Corporation	<input type="checkbox"/>	23936	05/30/2024 Excercised Option

\* If the securities were purchased and full payment therefor was not made in cash at the time of purchase, explain in the table or in a note thereto the nature of the consideration given. If the consideration consisted of any note or other obligation, or if payment was made in installments describe the arrangement and state when the note or other obligation was discharged in full or the last installment paid.

Furnish the following information as to all securities of the issuer sold during the past 3 months by the person for whose account the securities are to be sold.

## 144: Securities Sold During The Past 3 Months

Nothing to Report

## 144: Remarks and Signature

Remarks

Date of Notice

05/30/2024

**ATTENTION:**

The person for whose account the securities to which this notice relates are to be sold hereby represents by signing this notice that he does not know any material adverse information in regard to the current and prospective operations of the Issuer of the securities to be sold which has not been publicly disclosed. If such person has adopted a written trading plan or given trading instructions to satisfy Rule 10b5-1 under the Exchange Act, by signing the form and indicating the date that the plan was adopted or the instruction given, that person makes such representation as of the plan adoption or instruction date.

Signature

Jacob Burkett

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