FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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|  | d Address of<br>ER TERF   |  | 2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol FIRST MERCHANTS CORP [ FRME ] |          |                              |   |         |       |  |     |   | k all app  | olicable)                         | g Person(s) to I                 | ssuer<br>Owner   |   |  |   |
|--|---|--|--|----------|------------------------------|---|---------|-------|--|-----|---|------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|---|--|---|
|  |   |  |  |          |                              | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 06/04/2013               |         |       |  |     |   |            |                                   |                                  | Offic<br>below   | er (give title<br>w)  | Other<br>below   | (specify<br>)                                       |
| (Street) MUNCIE  | E IN  |  | 17305<br>Zip)  |          | 4. If                        | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)  6. Indiction  X |         |       |  |     |   |            |                                   |                                  | ividual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable  Form filed by One Reporting Person  Form filed by More than One Reporting  Person |   |  |   |
|  |   | Tabl                                       | e I - No   | n-Deriva | ative                        | Sec   | curitie | s Acc | quired,                                      | Dis | posed o   | f, or E    | 3ene                              | ficially                         | Owne   | ed  |  |   |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transact Date (Month/Day |   |  |  |          |                              | Execution Date,   |         |       | 3. 4. Securities Disposed Of Code (Instr. 5) |     |   |            |                                   |                                  | Securi<br>Benefi<br>Owned  | cially<br>I Following   | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4)  | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership |
|  |   |  |  |          |                              |   |         |       | Code   | v   | Amount  | (A)<br>(D) | or F                              | rice                             |  | ction(s)<br>3 and 4)  |  | (Instr. 4)  |
| Common Stock 06/04/2   |   |  |  |          |                              |   | 013     |       | P  |     | 5.974   | 1          | A :                               | \$16.74                          | 41,6   | 20.101(1)   | D  |   |
|  |   | Та   |  |          |                              |   |         |       |  |     | sed of, onvertib  |            |                                   |                                  | wned   |   |  |   |
| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)          | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deem<br>Execution<br>if any<br>(Month/D                                      | n Date,  | Date, Transacti<br>Code (Ins |   |         |       | 6. Date E<br>Expiratio<br>(Month/D           | е   | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Securities<br>Underlying<br>Derivative<br>Security (Instr.<br>and 4) |            | De<br>Se<br>(In:                  | Price of rivative curity str. 5) |  | Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |   |
|  |   |  |  |          | Code                         | v   | (A)     | (D)   | Date<br>Exercisa                             |     | Expiration<br>Date  | Title      | Amor<br>or<br>Numl<br>of<br>Share | oer                              |  |   |  |   |

## Explanation of Responses:

1. Includes Restricted Stock Awards totaling 7,441 shares

## Remarks:

Rhonda D. Bost (Confirming Statement on File)

06/04/2013

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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