## 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

[\_] Check box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

1.	Name and Address of Reporting P	erson*			-			
		George	А					
	(Last)	(First)	(Middle)					
	3545 West 110th Place							
		(Street)						
	Westminster	CO	80030					
		(State)	(Zip)					
2.	Issuer Name and Ticker or Tradi	ng Symbol			-			
Fir	rst Merchants Corporation - FRME							
3.	IRS Identification Number of Re	porting Person,	if an Entity	(Voluntary)	-			
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4.	Statement for Month/Day/Year				-			
09/	/13/02							
5.	If Amendment, Date of Original	(Month/Year)			-			
6.	Relationship of Reporting Perso (Check all applicable)	n to Issuer			-			
	[x] Director [_] Officer (give title below)		10% Owner Other (speci	fy below)				
7.	Individual or Joint/Group Filin	g (Check applic	-					
	<pre>[x] Form filed by one Reportin [_] Form filed by more than on</pre>	ig Person Ne Reporting Per	son		-			
===	Table I Non-Derivative or Bene				=			
			3.	4. Securities Acqu Disposed of (D)		5. Amount of Securities	6. Owner- ship Form:	7.
1.		2. Transaction		(Instr. 3, 4 an	nd 5)	Beneficially Owned at End of Month	Direct (D) or	Nature of Indirect Beneficial
	Title of Security Date (Instr. 3) (mm/dd/yy)		Code V	Amount	or Price (D)	(Instr. 3 and 4)	(I) (Instr.4)	Ownership (Instr. 4)
Com	nmon		v	,		370	D	
*				see Instruction	================================			
	If the Form is filed by more th 4(b)(v).	ian one keporti	ing Person,	See INSTIUCTION	I			
Ren	ninder: Report on a separate line owned directly or indirect	for each class	of securities	beneficially				

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

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Textr 2)	2. Conver- sion or Exer- cise Price of Deriv- ative Secur-	3. Trans- action Date (Month/ Day/ Yoar)		à and s	tive ties ed (A) posed . 3, 5)	Date Exer-	on Date ay/Year) Expira- tion	7. Title and of Underl Securitie (Instr. 3	ying s and 4) Amount or Number of	Deriv- ative Secur- ity (Instr.	<b>\</b>	10. Owner- ship Form of Deriv- ative Secur- ity: Direct (D) or In- direct (I) (Instr.	11. Nature of In- direct Bene- ficial Owner- ship (Instr.
(Instr. 3)	ity 	Year)	Code V	(A)	(D)	cisable	Date	Title	Shares	5)	4)	4)	4)
Non-Employee Director Stock Option (Right to Buy)											8,379	D	
On August 13, 2002 declared a stock d August 30, 2002 of outstanding to be distributed in cas	ividend pa one share distribute h. Pursua	ayable to e of commo ed on Sept	all holde on stock f ember 13,	ers of re or each 2002. on provis	ecord o 20 sha Fracti	of common ares of co ional shar	stock on mmon stoc es were	:k					
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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.

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