FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>ENGLISH RODERICK</u>						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol FIRST MERCHANTS CORP [FRME]									Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) X Director 10% Owner				
(Last) (First) (Middle) 200 E JACKSON STREET						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 06/30/2013									Officer (give title Other (specify below)				
(Street) MUNCIE IN 47305 (City) (State) (Zip)											(Month/D	Lir	Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person						
		Tab	le I - No	n-Deriv	vative	Sec	curities	s Ac	quired,	Dis	posed o	of, or Be	neficia	lly Own	ed				
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transac Date (Month/Da						Execution Date,			Code (Instr.		4. Securities Acquired (A) Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 5)			d Secur Benef	cially I Following	Forn (D) o	n: Direct or Indirect I nstr. 4) (7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership	
									Code	v	Amount	(A) oi (D)	Price	Trans	action(s) 3 and 4)			(Instr. 4)	
Common Stock 06/30/							2013				437	A	\$17.	15 8,7	77.125 ⁽¹⁾		D		
		Т										, or Ben ble secu		y Owned					
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deem Execution if any (Month/Da	Date,	4. Transa Code (i 8)		of		6. Date Expiration (Month/Da	n Date	Amount of		f g Security	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)		e S Illy	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership t (Instr. 4)	
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisal		expiration vate	Title	Amount or Number of Shares						
Non- Employee Director Stock Option (right to	\$17.29	07/01/2013			A		1,500		07/01/20:	15 0	7/01/2023	Common Stock	1,500	\$0	1,500)	D		

Explanation of Responses:

1. Includes Restricted Stock Awards totaling 6,078 shares

Remarks:

Rhonda Bost (Confirming Statement on File) 07/02/2013

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

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