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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting
Person *

Â Sherman Patrick A
(Last) (First) (Middle)

200 EAST JACKSON STREET

(Street)

MUNCIE,Â INÂ 47305

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Date of Event Requiring
Statement

(Month/Day/Year)
05/06/2009

3. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol
FIRST MERCHANTS CORP [FRME]

4. Relationship of Reporting
Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

☒ Director ☐ 10% Owner
☐ Officer ☐ Other
(give title below) (specify below)

5. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group
Filing(Check Applicable Line)
☒ Form filed by One Reporting
Person
☐ Form filed by More than One
Reporting Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security
(Instr. 4)

2. Amount of Securities
Beneficially Owned
(Instr. 4)

3. Ownership
Form:
Direct (D)
or Indirect
(I)
(Instr. 5)

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial
Ownership
(Instr. 5)

Common Stock

5,550

D Â

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially
owned directly or indirectly.

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

1. Title of Derivative Security
(Instr. 4)

2. Date Exercisable and
Expiration Date
(Month/Day/Year)

3. Title and Amount of
Securities Underlying
Derivative Security
(Instr. 4)

4. Conversion
or Exercise
Price of
Derivative
Security

5. Ownership
Form of
Derivative
Security:
Direct (D)
or Indirect

6. Nature of Indirect
Beneficial Ownership
(Instr. 5)

Date
Exercisable

Expiration
Date

Title

Amount or
Number of

Shares

(I)
(Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Sherman Patrick A 200 EAST JACKSON STREET MUNCIE, IN 47305	X			

Signatures

Larry R. Helms (Confirming Statement
on File)

05/07/2009

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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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Remarks:

Exhibit 24

Confirming Statement

This statement confirms that the undersigned, Patrick A. Sherman, has authorized and designated Larry Helms to file on the undersigned's behalf all Forms 3, 4, and 5 (including any amendments thereto) that are required to file with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission as a result of the undersigned's transaction in the securities of First Merchants Corporation. The authority of Larry R. Helms to continue until the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4, and 5 with regard to the undersigned's transactions in securities of First Merchants Corporation, unless earlier revoked in writing. The undersigned acknowledges Larry R. Helms is not assuming any of the undersigned's responsibilities to comply with the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *See* Instruction 6 for procedure.

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