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September 09, 2008

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

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DATE OF REPORT (Date of earliest event reported): September 9, 2008

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FIRST MERCHANTS CORPORATION  
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

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| INDIANA   | 0-17071                  | 35-1544218                           |
| (State or other jurisdiction<br>of incorporation) | (Commission File Number) | (IRS Employer<br>Identification No.) |

200 East Jackson Street  
P.O. Box 792  
Muncie, IN 47305-2814  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices, including Zip Code)

(765) 747-1500  
(Registrant's Telephone Number, including Area Code)

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Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure

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In response to questions from investors and analysts, First Merchants Corporation has provided additional information beyond what has been released. The information provided was an estimated \$8 million cost savings off of Lincoln Bancorp's expense base. The Corporation anticipates realizing 75% of the cost savings in 2009 and 100% in 2010.

### SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

DATE: September 9, 2008

By: /s/ Mark K. Hardwick

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Mark K. Hardwick  
Executive Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer  
(Principal Financial and  
Principal Accounting Officer)