FIRST MERCHANTS CORP

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(City)

(State)

(Zip)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Stewart Michael J Issuer Symbol FIRST MERCHANTS CORP (Check all applicable) [FRME] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title _X_ Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) below) 200 E JACKSON STREET 03/31/2015 Chief Banking Officer / Executive Vice President (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting **MUNCIE, IN 47305** Person

(,)	(=)	Table 1 - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned									
1.Title of Security	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			d of (D)	5. Amount of Securities	6. Ownership Form: Direct	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial		
(Instr. 3)		any (Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Amount	(A) or	Price	Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Ownership (Instr. 4)		
Common Stock	03/31/2015		P	55	A	\$ 19.359	38,823.3 <u>(1)</u>	D			
Common Stock							3,026.93	I	401(k) Plan		

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

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1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date		4.	5.	6. Date Exer		7. Title		8. Price of	9. Nu
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transacti	orNumber	Expiration D	ate	Amou	nt of	Derivative	Deriv
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Under	lying	Security	Secur
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivative	e		Securi	ties	(Instr. 5)	Bene
	Derivative				Securities			(Instr.	3 and 4)		Own
	Security				Acquired						Follo
					(A) or						Repo
					Disposed						Trans
					of (D)						(Instr
					(Instr. 3,						
					4, and 5)						
									Amount		
						Date	Expiration		or		
						Exercisable	Date Ti	Title	Number		
						LACICISABLE			of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Officer Other Director 10% Owner

Stewart Michael J

200 E JACKSON STREET Chief Banking Officer Executive Vice President

MUNCIE, IN 47305

Signatures

Jennifer Mainord (Confirming Statement

on File) 04/02/2015

> **Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(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).
- (1) Includes Restricted Stock Awards totaling 23,568.442 shares

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