

FIRST MERCHANTS CORP  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**FLUHLER STEPHAN**

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**200 E JACKSON STREET**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
**02/11/2017**

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
**Chief Information Officer / Senior Vice President**

(Street)  
**MUNCIE, IN 47305**

4. 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

(City) (State) (Zip)

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Price   |  |                                   |
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount  |  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 02/11/2017                           |  | F                              |   | 378   | D  |                                   |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   | \$ 39.99  |  |                                   |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   | 9,529.832 <sup>(1)</sup>  | D  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 1,738.386   | I  | 401(k) Plan                       |

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

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