CLARK THOMAS B

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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

CLARK THOMAS B

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

FIRST MERCHANTS CORP

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(Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 06/30/2010

200 E JACKSON ST, PO BOX 792

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

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

MUNCIE, IN 47308-0792

1.Title of

Security

(Instr. 3)

(City) (State) (Zip)

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or

(Month/Day/Year)

Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (I) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

or Code V Amount (D) Price

(A)

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

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

1. Title of 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Security or Exercise any

5. Number of TransactionDerivative Code Securities

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

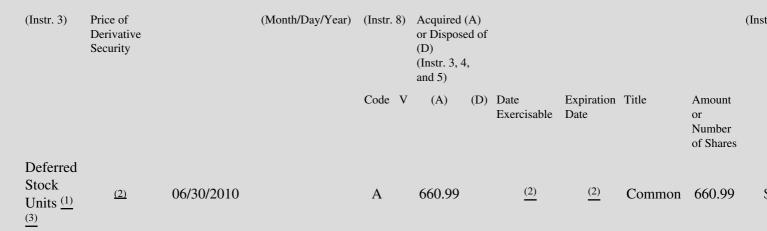
7. Title and Amount of **Underlying Securities** (Instr. 3 and 4)

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
CLARK THOMAS B 200 E JACKSON ST PO BOX 792 MUNCIE, IN 47308-0792	X			

Signatures

Larry R. Helms (Confirming Statement on File) 07/02/2010

**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) Non-Derivative Securities Benefically owned Direct: 9,456
- (2) Conversion price of derivative security is 1 for 1. The deferred stock units become payable in common stock at the election of the reporting person on January 1, 2012.
- (3) Non-employee Director Stock Option (Right to Buy) = 12,256 shares

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