HARDWICK MARK K

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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * HARDWICK MARK K

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Issuer

Symbol

FIRST MERCHANTS CORP [FRME]

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

200 E JACKSON STREET

below) 06/30/2010

Chief Financial Officer / Executive Vice President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

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

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

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Person

MUNCIE, IN 47305

(City) (State) (Zip)

(Street)

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

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

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

(A) Code V Amount (D)

Transaction(s)

(Instr. 4) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Common 06/30/2010 Stock (2) (3)

Price 32,582.8246 488 A (1) 7.1655

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)

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| 1. Title of | 2. | 3. Transaction Date | 3A. Deemed | 4. 5. | | 6. Date Exerc | Exercisable and 7 | | le and | 8. Price of | |
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| Derivative | Conversion | (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if | TransactionNumber | | Expiration D | on Date A | | ınt of | Derivative | |
| Security | or Exercise | | any | Code of | | (Month/Day/ | Month/Day/Year) | | rlying | Security | |
| (Instr. 3) | Price of | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) Derivative | | ; | | Securities | | (Instr. 5) | |
| | Derivative | | | | Secu | ırities | | | (Instr. 3 and 4) | | |
| | Security | | | | Acquired | | | | | | |
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| | | | | Code | V (A) | (D) | | | | Shares | |

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Director 10% Owner Officer Other

HARDWICK MARK K 200 E JACKSON STREET MUNCIE, IN 47305

Executive Vice Chief Financial Officer

President

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Signatures

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

> **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 15,926.836 restricted stock awards and 7,272.9886 shares in reporting person's 401(k) account.
- (2) Non-Derivative Securities Owned Indirect: 401 Nature of Indirect Ownership: Spouse I.R.A.
- (3) Employee Stock Option Right to Buy equals 56,658 shares.

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