#### MCAULIFFE THOMAS

Form 4

February 02, 2006

### 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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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*

MCAULIFFE THOMAS

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

FIRST MERCHANTS CORP

[FRME]

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

(Month/Day/Year) 02/01/2006

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

below)

(Check all applicable)

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X\_ Director 10% Owner Other (specify Officer (give title

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

COLUMBUS, OH 43214

4187 OLENTANGY BLVD

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. (Month/Day/Year)

4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

Reported

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

(Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A) or Code V Amount (D) Price

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

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 (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Conversion Security or Exercise any

5. Number of 6. Date Exercisable and TransactionDerivative **Expiration Date** Code Securities (Month/Day/Year)

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

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr.	8)	Acquired or Dispos (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	ed of				
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Deferred Stock Units (2) (3) (4)	(1)	02/01/2006		A		296.64		02/01/2008	02/01/2008	Common Stock	296.64

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
•	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
MCAULIFFE THOMAS 4187 OLENTANGY BLVD COLUMBUS, OH 43214	X						

### **Signatures**

Larry R. Helms (Confirming Statement on File) 02/02/2006

\*\*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) Conversion price of derivative security is 1 for 1.
- (2) Beneficially owned securities: 8,398. Nature of beneficial ownership: Cust. UGMA-Minor sons.
- (3) Employee Stock Options Right to Buy equals 16,700 shares.
- (4) Common stock owned direct equals 31,255 shares.

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