HUDSON BARRY J

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(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 **HUDSON BARRY J** Issuer Symbol FIRST MERCHANTS CORP (Check all applicable) [FRME] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) 200 EAST JACKSON STREET 06/30/2008 (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 (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of 1.Title of 3. 4. Securities Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code Beneficially Beneficial Disposed of (D) (D) or (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Owned Ownership (Instr. 8) Indirect (I) Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price Common Stock (1) (2) 06/30/2008 A 275 Α \$0 385,823 D (3)

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 Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number proof Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amou Underlying Securi (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amo or Nun of Shar
Non-Employee Director Stock Option (Right to Buy) (4)	\$ 18.67	07/01/2008		A	1,157	01/01/2009	06/30/2018	Common	1,1

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
HUDSON BARRY J 200 EAST JACKSON STREET MUNCIE, IN 47305	X					
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Signatures

Larry R. Helms (Confirming Statement on File) 07/02/2008

**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 Beneficially owned Direct: 43,521. Nature of Indirect Ownership: Spouse
- (2) Beneficiall Owned Securities: 6,813. Nature of Indirect Ownership: Spouse Cust. UGME-Daughter
- (3) Beneficiall Owned Securities: 6,813. Nature of Indirect Ownership: Spouse Cust. UGME-Son
- (4) Employee Stock Option Right to Buy equals 11,850.

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