

Form 144

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED SALE OF SECURITIES
PURSUANT TO RULE 144 UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

144: Filer Information

Filer CIK 0001608347
Filer CCC XXXXXXXXX
Is this a LIVE or TEST Filing? ☒ LIVE ☐ TEST

Submission Contact Information

Name
Phone
E-Mail Address

144: Issuer Information

Name of Issuer First Merchants Corporation
SEC File Number

Address of Issuer 200 E. Jackson Street
Muncie
INDIANA
47305
Phone 7657471378

Name of Person for Whose Account the Securities are To Be Sold Stephan H. Fluhler

See the definition of "person" in paragraph (a) of Rule 144. Information is to be given not only as to the person for whose account the securities are to be sold but also as to all other persons included in that definition. In addition, information shall be given as to sales by all persons whose sales are required by paragraph (e) of Rule 144 to be aggregated with sales for the account of the person filing this notice.

Relationship to Issuer Chief Information Officer

144: Securities Information

Title of the Class of Securities To Be Sold	Name and Address of the Broker	Number of Shares or Other Units To Be Sold	Aggregate Market Value	Number of Shares or Other Units Outstanding	Approximate Date of Sale	Name the Securities Exchange
Common Stock	E*TRADE FINANCIAL CORPORATION 3 Edison Drive Alpharetta GA 30005	4080	176256	62205528	08/19/2026	NASDAQ

Furnish the following information with respect to the acquisition of the securities to be sold and with respect to the payment of all or any part of the purchase price or other consideration therefor:

144: Securities To Be Sold

Title of the Class	Date you Acquired	Nature of Acquisition Transaction	Name of Person from	Is this	Date Donor Acquired	Amount of Securities Acquired	Date of Payment	Nature of Payment *
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			Whom Acquired	a Gift?		
Common Stock	08/02/2026	Vested Restricted Stock Awards	First Merchants Corporation	☐	4080	08/02/2026 Grant

* If the securities were purchased and full payment therefor was not made in cash at the time of purchase, explain in the table or in a note thereto the nature of the consideration given. If the consideration consisted of any note or other obligation, or if payment was made in installments describe the arrangement and state when the note or other obligation was discharged in full or the last installment paid.

Furnish the following information as to all securities of the issuer sold during the past 3 months by the person for whose account the securities are to be sold.

144: Securities Sold During The Past 3 Months

Nothing to Report ☒

144: Remarks and Signature

Remarks
Date of Notice 08/19/2026
ATTENTION:

The person for whose account the securities to which this notice relates are to be sold hereby represents by signing this notice that he does not know any material adverse information in regard to the current and prospective operations of the Issuer of the securities to be sold which has not been publicly disclosed. If such person has adopted a written trading plan or given trading instructions to satisfy Rule 10b5-1 under the Exchange Act, by signing the form and indicating the date that the plan was adopted or the instruction given, that person makes such representation as of the plan adoption or instruction date.

Signature Paul Cento (Conforming Statement on File)
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