

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <b>MARTIN JOHN</b>  (Last) (First) (Middle) <b>200 E JACKSON STREET</b>  (Street) <b>MUNCIE IN 47305</b>  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <b>FIRST MERCHANTS CORP [ FRME ]</b>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) <b>Chief Credit Officer / Executive Vice President</b>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <b>08/18/2016</b>	
	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	
		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	08/18/2016		M		2,000	A	\$11.14	31,921.174	D	
Common Stock	08/18/2016		M		2,000	A	\$5.89	33,921.174	D	
Common Stock	08/18/2016		M		1,000	A	\$9.2	34,921.174	D	
Common Stock	08/18/2016		S		4,000	D	\$26.91	30,921.174	D	
Common Stock	08/18/2016		S		200	D	\$26.92	30,721.174	D	
Common Stock	08/18/2016		S		100	D	\$26.93	30,621.174	D	
Common Stock	08/18/2016		S		100	D	\$26.94	30,521.174	D	
Common Stock	08/18/2016		S		600	D	\$26.96	29,921.174 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	

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

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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of 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 Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						Title
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$11.14	08/18/2016		M			2,000	02/24/2011	02/24/2019	Common	2,000	\$0	0	D	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$5.89	08/18/2016		M			2,000	02/25/2012	02/25/2020	Common	2,000	\$0	0	D	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$9.2	08/18/2016		M			1,000	02/11/2013	02/11/2021	Common	1,000	\$0	0	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

1. Includes Restricted Stock Awards totaling 18,911.174 shares

**Remarks:**

Jennifer Mainord (Confirming Statement on File) 08/22/2016

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

\* 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).

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.

