

HARDWICK MARK K  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * <b>HARDWICK MARK K</b>			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)
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <b>11/13/2009</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) <b>Executive Vice President / Chief Financial Officer</b>
200 EAST JACKSON STREET			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) <b>11/16/2009</b>	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
(Street)	MUNCIE, IN 47305			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)		

**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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock (2) (3)	11/13/2009		P	V Amount (D) Price 1,566 A \$ 5.67	20,330.1863 (1) (4)	I	by 401(k)

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. 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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Benefic Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HARDWICK MARK K 200 EAST JACKSON STREET MUNCIE, IN 47305			Executive Vice President	Chief Financial Officer

## Signatures

Larry R. Helms (Confirming Statement on File) 12/01/2009

\_\_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 8,300 restricted stock awards and 7,195.1863 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.
- (4) Column five (5) listed incorrect number of securities beneficially owned by reporting person.

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