

FIRST MERCHANTS CORP  
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
Stewart Michael J			FIRST MERCHANTS CORP [FRME]	(Check all applicable)
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)	<input type="checkbox"/> Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below)
200 E JACKSON STREET			12/16/2016	<input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) Chief Banking Officer / Executive Vice President
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
MUNCIE, IN 47305				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
(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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	12/16/2016		S	5,000 D	\$ 36.589 (1)	D	
Common Stock					3,117.453	I	401(k) Plan

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

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