Schalliol Charles E Form 4 April 02, 2010

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

(Last)

(City)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Schalliol Charles E

(First)

(State)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

FIRST MERCHANTS CORP

[FRME] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 04/01/2010

200 EAST JACKSON STREET (Street)

(Month/Day/Year)

(Middle)

(Zip)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below)

4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

> _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

> > D

Person

MUNCIE, IN 47305

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3)

TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

4. Securities

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect Beneficial (D) or Ownership Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) (D) Price

Common 04/01/2010 Stock (1)

Code V Amount

1.346

\$0 16,853 Α

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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				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Schalliol Charles E 200 EAST JACKSON STREET MUNCIE, IN 47305	X						

Signatures

Larry R. Helms (Confirming Statement 04/02/2010 on File)

**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-employee Director Stock Option (Right to Buy) = 6,128 shares

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