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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol FIRST MERCHANTS CORP [FRME]				ng	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)		
(Last) 200 E JAC		(Middle)	3. Date of (Month/E) 06/30/2	ransaction			_X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below)			
				4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tabl	e I - Non-I	Derivative (Secur	ities Acq	uired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Dat (Month/Day/Year)	Executio any	med n Date, if Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit or(A) or Dia (Instr. 3, 4)	sposed	d of (D)	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	06/30/2013			A	437	A	\$ 17.15	18,944.132	D	
Common Stock	07/02/2013			P	97.181	A	\$ 17.15	19,041.313 (1)	D	

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

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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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number on f 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 Amou Underlying Securi (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amo or Nun of Shar
Non-Employee Director Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 17.29	07/01/2013		A	1,500	07/01/2015	07/01/2023	Common Stock	1,5

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer Other				
Lehman Gary 200 E JACKSON ST MUNCIE, IN 47305	X						

Signatures

Rhonda D. Bost (Confirming Statement on File) 07/02/2013

**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 Restricted Stock Awards totaling 4,254 shares

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