FIRST MERCHANTS CORP

Form 4

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(Print or Type Responses)

1 Name and Address of Reporting Person *

See Instruction

ELLINGTO	Symbol FIRST	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol FIRST MERCHANTS CORP [FRME]					Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of (Month/D 200 E JACKSON STREET 02/23/20			•	ransaction			Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title _X_ Other (specify below) Director Human Resources / Senior Vice President			
MUNCIE, I	(Street) IN 47305		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) Tab	le I - Non-l	Derivative	Secur	ities Acq	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Code	4. Securi on(A) or D (Instr. 3,	ispose 4 and (A) or	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)		
Common Stock (1)	02/23/2015		F	958	D	\$ 22.81	14,711.52	D		
Common Stock							840.836	I	401(k) Plan	

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)

1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date		4.	5.	6. Date Exerc		7. Title		8. Price of	9. Nu
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transacti	orNumber	Expiration D	ate	Amou	nt of	Derivative	Deriv
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Under	lying	Security	Secur
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivative	e		Securi	ties	(Instr. 5)	Bene
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					(A) or						Repo
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					(Instr. 3,						
					4, and 5)						
									Amount		
						Date	Expiration		or		
						Exercisable	Date	Title 1	Number		
									of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Officer Other Director 10% Owner

ELLINGTON KIMBERLY J 200 E JACKSON STREET MUNCIE, IN 47305

Director Human Resources Senior Vice President

Signatures

Jennifer Mainord (Confirming Statement on File)

02/25/2015 Date

**Signature of Reporting Person

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 4,485.236 shares

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