#### FIRST MERCHANTS CORP

Form 4 March 23, 2017

## FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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1(b).

obligations

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* FLUHLER STEPHAN

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

FIRST MERCHANTS CORP [FRME]

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

(Street)

(State)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

03/21/2017

Director 10% Owner \_\_X\_ Other (specify X\_ Officer (give title

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

below) below) Chief Information Officer / Senior Vice

President

200 E JACKSON STREET

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

Issuer

MUNCIE, IN 47305

(City)

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) any (Month/Day/Year)

(Zip)

3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of Transaction(A) or Disposed of Code (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

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

or Code Amount (D)

Price

(A)

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Common 03/21/2017 S 1,800 D 7,738.275 (1) D Stock 38.6

Common Stock

401(k) I 1,809.946 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)

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				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

# **Reporting Owners**

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Officer Other Director 10% Owner

**FLUHLER STEPHAN** 200 E JACKSON STREET MUNCIE, IN 47305

Chief Information Officer Senior Vice President

**Signatures** 

Addison Nicoll (Confirming Statement 03/23/2017 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).
- Includes Restricted Stock Awards totaling 2,263.207 shares

#### **Remarks:**

Exhibit 24; Confirming Statement EXHIBIT LIST: EX-24 Confirming Statement Fluhler 110316

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