FLUHLER STEPHAN

Form 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

See Instruction

1. Name and A	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol FIRST MERCHANTS CORP [FRME]					ng	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)					
· / / · · / · · · / · · · / · · · · · ·				of Earliest Transaction /Day/Year) /2017					Director 10% OwnerX_ Officer (give titleX_ Other (specify below) Chief Information Officer / Senior Vice President			
				mendment, Date Original 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			
MUNCIE, IN 47305												
(City)	(State) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned									ly Owned		
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Da (Month/Day/Yea	ansaction Date 2A. Deemed hth/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)			3. 4. Securities A Transaction(A) or Dispos Code (Instr. 3, 4 and (Instr. 8) (A) or Code V Amount (D)			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	07/31/2017			A		4,000	A	\$ 40.44	11,747.968 (1)	D		
Common Stock									1,876.687	I	401(k) Plan	

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

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(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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					of (D)						(Instr
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						Exercisable	Date Tit	Title	Number		
						Excicisable			of		
				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 on File)

08/02/2017

**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 6,272.901 shares

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