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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and A Person *\hat{A} Pember M		eporting	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year)	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol FIRST MERCHANTS CORP [FRME]					
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	05/03/2011	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)			
200 E JACK 792	KSON ST,	PO BOX	(Check all applicable)				1100(1101111221)/1011/		
(Street) MUNCIE, IN 47308				X Director 10% Ow Officer Other (give title below) (specify below)			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One		
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - N	Non-Derivat	ive Securit	ies Be	Reporting Person eneficially Owned		
1.Title of Secu (Instr. 4)	rity		2. Amount o Beneficially (Instr. 4)	of Securities	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)		ture of Indirect Beneficial		
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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
		Title	Security	Direct (D)	

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Date Expiration Amount or or Indirect
Exercisable Date Number of (I)
Shares (Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Pember Marvin

200 E JACKSON ST

MUNCIE, ÂINÂ 47308

PO BOX 792

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Signatures

Larry R. Helms (Confirming Statement on File)

05/04/2011

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(b)(v).

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** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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Remarks:

Exhibit 24; Confirming Statement

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