FIRST MERCHANTS CORP

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HARDWICK MARK K Sym			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading ymbol [IRST MERCHANTS CORP FRME]					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)				
(Last) 200 E JACK	e of Earliest Transaction n/Day/Year) n/2015					Director 10% OwnerX Officer (give titleX Other (specify below) Chief Financial Officer / Executive Vice President						
(Street) 4. If Amen Filed(Mont					e Original			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person				
MUNCIE, IN	N 47305							Form filed by M Person	More than One Re	porting		
(City)	(State)	Zip) Tal	ole I - Non-	De	rivative S	ecurit	ies Acc	quired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned		
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Pransaction Date 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or Code V Amount (D) Prior)	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	11/19/2015				2,223	D	\$ 0	62,332.494 (1)	D			

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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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

HARDWICK MARK K 200 E JACKSON STREET MUNCIE, IN 47305

Chief Financial Officer

Executive Vice

President

Signatures

Jennifer Mainord (Confirming Statement on File)

11/23/2015

**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 27,611.159 shares.

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