Sherman Patrick A Form 4 September 05, 2017

Check this box

if no longer

subject to

Form 5

Section 16.

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

OMB APPROVAL OMB

Number:

3235-0287

Expires:

January 31, 2005

0.5

Estimated average burden hours per

response...

Form 4 or obligations may continue.

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Sherman Patrick A

200 E JACKSON STREET

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

FIRST MERCHANTS CORP [FRME]

(Last) (First) (Middle)

(Street)

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

09/01/2017

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

6.

Person

MUNCIE, IN 47305

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 1.Title of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3) (Month/Day/Year)

Transaction Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

(A)

Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Securities

Beneficially

Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)

Ownership

Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

7. Nature of

(Instr. 4)

D

or Price Code V Amount (D)

4. Securities Acquired (A) 5. Amount of

Common Stock

09/01/2017

34,533.358 P 12.728 A (1) 39.282

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

Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB control number.

SEC 1474 (9-02)

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

Edgar Filing: Sherman Patrick A - Form 4

| | 2. | 3. Transaction Date | | 4. | 5. | 6. Date Exerc | | 7. Titl | | 8. Price of | 9. Nu |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | Transact Code (Instr. 8) | orNumber of Derivativ Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | : | | Amou Under Securi (Instr. | lying | Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr |
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|--|
| reporting Owner Hume / Hudress | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | |
| Sherman Patrick A 200 E JACKSON STREET MUNCIE, IN 47305 | X | | | | | | |

Signatures

Addison Nicoll (Confirming Statement 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).
- (1) Includes Restricted Stock Awards totaling 6,113 shares

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *see* Instruction 6 for procedure. Potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB number.

Reporting Owners 2