Kawiecki Michele Form 4 March 11, 2019

FORM 4

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

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

MUNCIE, IN 47305

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Kawiecki Michele Issuer Symbol FIRST MERCHANTS CORP (Check all applicable) [FRME] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner X__ Officer (give title __X__ Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) below) 200 EAST JACKSON ST 03/07/2019 DIRECTOR OF FINANCE / SENIOR VICE

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line)

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

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(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficial (Instr. 3) Code Beneficially (D) or Owned (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) Following (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Code Amount (D) Price Common

03/07/2019 F 338 D 5,697.813 (1) 38.98 Stock

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

Kawiecki Michele

200 EAST JACKSON ST DIRECTOR OF FINANCE SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT

MUNCIE, IN 47305

Signatures

Addison Nicoll (Confirming Statement on File) 03/11/2019

**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 3,059.813 shares

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