

FIRST MERCHANTS CORP  
Form 4/A  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

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|---|---------|----------|--|--|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * |         |          | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol          | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer   |
| ELLINGTON KIMBERLY J                      |         |          | FIRST MERCHANTS CORP<br>[FRME]                       | (Check all applicable)   |
| (Last)                                    | (First) | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)     | <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) |
| 200 E JACKSON STREET                      |         |          | 12/19/2013   | Director Human Resources / Senior Vice President   |
| (Street)                                  |         |          | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)   |
| MUNCIE, IN 47305                          |         |          | 12/20/2013   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person<br><input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person  |
| (City)                                    | (State) | (Zip)    |  |  |

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

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Price   |  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 12/19/2013                           |  | M                              | V   | \$ 1,500 5.89   | D  |                                   |
| Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>     | 12/19/2013                           |  | F                              |   | \$ 407 21.7   | D  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 710.837   | I  | 401(k) Plan                       |

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)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy)       | \$ 5.89  | 12/19/2013                           |  | M                              | 1,500   | 02/25/2012 02/25/2020                                    | Common Stock  | 1,500                      |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                   | Relationships |           |                          |                       |
|--|---------------|-----------|--------------------------|-----------------------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                  | Other                 |
| ELLINGTON KIMBERLY J<br>200 E JACKSON STREET<br>MUNCIE, IN 47305 |               |           | Director Human Resources | Senior Vice President |

## Signatures

Rhonda D. Bost (Confirming Statement on File) 12/23/2013

\_\_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) Employee Stock Options (right to buy) total 20,100 shares
- (2) Filing amended to include 1,500 shares not reported in total on previous filing. Total also includes Restricted Stock Awards of 8,117.005 shares

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