FIRST MERCHANTS CORP

Form 4 June 19, 2013

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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SECURITIES Form 5 obligations may continue.

See Instruction 1(b).

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

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

HARDWICK MARK K

200 E JACKSON STREET

Symbol FIRST MERCHANTS CORP

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

[FRME]

(Last) (First) (Middle)

06/17/2013

(Month/Day/Year)

(Street)

(State)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

below)

Issuer

Director

X_ Officer (give title

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

Chief Financial Officer / Executive Vice President

below)

10% Owner __X__ Other (specify

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

MUNCIE, IN 47305

(City)

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

(Month/Day/Year)

(Zip)

4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

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(A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

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 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionDerivative

4. 5. Number of

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date**

7. Title and Amount of 8. Pr **Underlying Securities** Deri

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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed or (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/Year)		(Instr. 3 and 4)		Secu (Inst
				Code V	(A) (D) Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	S
Phantom Stock	<u>(1)</u>	06/17/2013		A	50.541	<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Common Stock	50.541	\$

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

Rhonda D. Bost (Confirming Statement on File)

06/19/2013

**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) Each share of phantom stock is the economic equivalent of one share of FRME common stock. The shares of phantom stock will be settled in cash or shares of FRME common stock, at the reporting persons election, upon separation from First Merchants.

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