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(Print or Type	Responses)										
1. Name and A HARDWIC		2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol FIRST MERCHANTS CORP [FRME]				5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)					
(Last) 200 E JAC	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 09/15/2016			Director 10% Owner X Officer (give titleX Other (specify below) below) Chief Operating Officer / Executive Vice President							
MUNCIE,		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting						
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tab	le I Nev I	Doministino	Soourition A	Person	of or Donoficio	lly Owned		
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deeme	d Date, if	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8) Code V	4. Securit nAcquired Disposed (Instr. 3, 4	ies (A) or of (D)	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		
Reminder: Re	port on a separate line	e for each cla	uss of sec	urities benef	ficially own	ned directly	or indirectly.				
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	Tab	le II - Deriv	ative Sec	curities Acq	uired, Dis	posed of, or	Beneficially Owne	d			

(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5. Number of	6. Date Exercisable and	7. Title and Amount of	8. Pr
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transacti	orDerivative	Expiration Date	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 of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		/Year)	(Instr. 3 and	4)	Secu (Inst
				Code V	(A) (I	0) Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Phantom Stock	<u>(1)</u>	09/15/2016		А	49.397	<u>(1)</u>	(1)	Common Stock	49.397	\$ 2

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
HARDWICK MARK K 200 E JACKSON STREET MUNCIE, IN 47305			Chief Operating Officer	Executive Vice President			
Signatures							

10/04/2016

Jennifer Mainord (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). \*\*

Each share of phantom stock is the economic equivalent of one share of FRME common stock. The shares of phantom stock will be (1) settled in cash or shares of FRME common stock, at the reporting person's election, upon separation from First Merchants.

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