#### ENGLE JERRY R Form 3/A

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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

**SECURITIES** 

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *  ENGLE JERRY R			2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year)	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol FIRST MERCHANTS CORP [FRME]				
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	09/02/2009	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)		
200 EAST JACKSON STREET				(Check all applicable)		05/07/2009		
(Street)  MUNCIE, IN 47305				(Check	(Check all applicable)		6. Individual or Joint/Group	
			_X_ Director Officer (give title below)		Other		Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_Form filed by One Reporting PersonForm filed by More than One Reporting Person	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - I	Non-Derivat	ive Securit	ies Be	neficially Owned	
1.Title of Secu (Instr. 4)	rity		2. Amount o Beneficially (Instr. 4)		3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)		ture of Indirect Beneficial ership . 5)	
Common St	ock		39,981		D	Â		
Common St	ock		2,486		I	by E	SOP	
Reminder: Rep owned directly	-		ach class of securities benefic	cially S	EC 1473 (7-02	2)		
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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	or Exercise Price of	5. Ownership Form of Derivative	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
			Derivative	Security:	

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Employee stock option right to buy	01/01/2011	12/31/2019	Common Stock	17,991	\$ 22.21	D	Â

### **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
·F. · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
ENGLE JERRY R 200 EAST JACKSON STREET MUNCIE, IN 47305	ÂX	Â	Â	Â		

## **Signatures**

Larry R. Helms (Confirming Statement on Filel) 09/03/2009

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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).

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#### Remarks:

Confirming Statement

This statement confirms that the undersigned, Jerry R. Engle, has authorized and designated Larry R. file on the undersigned's behalf all Forms 3, 4, and 5 (including any amendments thereto) that t required to file with the U. S. Securities and Exchange Commission as a result of the undersign transaction in the securities of First Merchants Corporation. Â The authority of Larry R. Helms un continue until the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4, and 5 with regard to â or transactions in securities of First Merchants Corporation, unless earlier revoked in writing. Â The acknowledges Larry R. Helms is not assuming any of the undersigned's responsibilities to comply Â Sescurities Exchange Act of 1934.

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