

ENGLE JERRY R
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * | | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol | |
| Â ENGLE JERRY R | | (Month/Day/Year) | FIRST MERCHANTS CORP [FRME] | |
| (Last) | (First) | 05/06/2009 | | |
| 200 EAST JACKSON STREET | | | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | |
| (Street) | | | (Check all applicable) | |
| MUNCIE,Â INÂ 47305 | | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below) (specify below) | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) | |
| | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) | |
| | | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | |

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|---------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Common Stock | 42,467 | D | Â |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. SEC 1473 (7-02)

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 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) | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|--|--|---|--|--|---|
| | Date Exercisable Expiration Date | Title Amount or Number of | | | |

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| | | | | Shares | | (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 | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| ENGLE JERRY R 200 EAST JACKSON STREET MUNCIE, IN 47305 | Â X | Â | Â | Â |

Signatures

Larry R. Helms (Confirming Statement
on File) 05/07/2009

__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:
 ExhibitÂ 24

ConfirmingÂ Statement

ThisÂ statementÂ confirmsÂ thatÂ theÂ undersigned,Â JerryÂ R.Â Engle,Â hasÂ authorizedÂ andÂ designatedÂ LarryÂ R.Â fileÂ onÂ theÂ undersigned'sÂ behalfÂ allÂ FormsÂ 3,Â 4,Â andÂ 5Â (includingÂ anyÂ amendmentsÂ thereto)Â thatÂ tÂ requiredÂ toÂ fileÂ withÂ theÂ U.S.Â SecuritiesÂ andÂ ExchangeÂ CommissionÂ asÂ aÂ resultÂ ofÂ theÂ undersignedÂ transactionÂ inÂ theÂ securitiesÂ ofÂ FirstÂ MerchantsÂ Corporation.Â TheÂ authorityÂ ofÂ LarryÂ R.Â HelmsÂ unÂ continueÂ untilÂ theÂ undersignedÂ isÂ noÂ longerÂ requiredÂ toÂ fileÂ FormsÂ 3,Â 4,Â andÂ 5Â withÂ regardÂ toÂ orÂ transactionsÂ inÂ securitiesÂ ofÂ FirstÂ MerchantsÂ Corporation,Â unlessÂ earlierÂ revokedÂ inÂ writing.Â TheÂ acknowledgesÂ LarryÂ R.Â HelmsÂ isÂ notÂ assumingÂ anyÂ ofÂ theÂ undersigned'sÂ responsibilitiesÂ toÂ complyÂ SecuritiesÂ ExchangeÂ ActÂ ofÂ 1934.

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