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FORM	UNITED	STATES	ES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549						OMB Number:	3235-0287			
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(Print or Type	Responses)												
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> RECHIN MICHAEL C			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol FIRST MERCHANTS CORP					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)					
(Last)	(First) (Middle)	[FRME	5] of Earliest T	ransaction			Director	10%	Owner			
200 E JACKSON STREET			(Month/Day/Year) 08/20/2018					X Officer (give titleX Other (specify below) below) below) Chief Executive Officer / President					
	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							
MUNCIE,	IN 47305							Form filed by Mo Person					
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tab	le I - Non-J	Derivative	Secur	ities Acqu	uired, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y Owned			
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		Date, if	Code (Instr. 8)	omr Dispos (Instr. 3, 4	ed of (4 and 5 (A) or	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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
Common Stock	08/20/2018			Code V S	Amount 15,000	(D) D	Price \$ 48.631	105,920.831 (1)	D				
Common Stock								4,768.998	Ι	by 401k			

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. Transact Code (Instr. 8)	5. orNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		ate	Amou Unde Secur	rlying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address		Relationships						
L O	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
RECHIN MICHAEL C 200 E JACKSON STREET MUNCIE, IN 47305			Chief Executive Officer	President				
Signatures								
Addison Nicoll (Confirming Sta on File)	atement		08/22/2018					
** Signature of Reporting Person	n		Date					
Evaluation of Responses								

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) Includes Restricted Stock Awards totaling 45,887.831 shares

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