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FORM	UNITED	UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549							OMB AF OMB Number:	PPROVAL 3235-0287	
Check th if no long subject to Section 1 Form 4 o Form 5 obligation may cont <i>See</i> Instru 1(b).	s box er STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF 5. SECURITIES Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, s Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section and the Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1940							January 31 Expires: 2005 Estimated average burden hours per response 0.5			
(Print or Type I	Responses)										
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> RECHIN MICHAEL C			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol FIRST MERCHANTS CORP				ng	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last) (First) (Middle) 200 E JACKSON STREET			[FRME] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/19/2016					Director 10% Owner X Officer (give titleX Other (specify below) below) Chief Executive Officer / 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 				
MUNCIE, I (City)		(Zip)				~		Person			
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		l Pate, if	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securi m(A) or D (Instr. 3,	ties A ispose 4 and (A) or	cquired d of (D) 5)	uired, Disposed of 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	
Common Stock	02/19/2016			Code V F	Amount 3,106	(D) D	Price \$ 22.16	83,458.893 (1)	D		
Common Stock								4,588.47	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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. orNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		ate	Amou Unde Secur	le and unt of rlying rities : 3 and 4)	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							
I B	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
RECHIN MICHAEL C 200 E JACKSON STREET MUNCIE, IN 47305			Chief Executive Officer	President				
Signatures								
Jennifer Mainord (Confirming on File)	Statemen	t	02/23/2016					
**Signature of Reporting Pers	son		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) Includes Restricted Stock Awards totaling 23,619.389 shares

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