SPADE DAVID W Form 4 July 02, 2009

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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obligations may continue. See Instruction Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

SPADE DAVID W Issuer Symbol FIRST MERCHANTS CORP (Check all applicable) [FRME] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title _X_ Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) below) 200 EAST JACKSON STREET 07/02/2009 Senior Vice President / Chief Credit Officer

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person

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Person

MUNCIE, IN 47305

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Securities Ownership Indirect (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially Form: Direct Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned (D) or Ownership Indirect (I) Following (Instr. 4) Reported (Instr. 4) (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price 7,194.2342 Common 06/30/2009 A 672 A D Stock (2) (1) 6.8255

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)

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
1 5	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
SPADE DAVID W				Chief Credit			
200 EAST JACKSON STREET			Senior Vice President	Officer			
MUNCIE IN 47305				Officer			

Signatures

Larry R. Helms (Confirming Statement on File) 07/02/2009

**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).
- (1) Includes 2,135.2342 shares held in 401(k) retirement account, and 3,000 restricted stock awards.
- (2) Employee Stock Option Right to Buy equals 11,000.

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