

ENGLE JERRY R  
Form 3  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

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