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### FORM 4

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Form 5 obligations STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES** 

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person _ Lehman Gary			Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading     Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
			FIRST MERCHANTS CORP [FMRE]	(Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)	_X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below) below)			
200 E JACKSON ST, PO BOX 792			09/30/2011	below)			
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person			

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1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transa Code (Instr.	8)	4. Securities oner Disposed (Instr. 3, 4	d of (D	<b>)</b> )	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	09/30/2011		A	V	709	A	\$ 0	12,965.645	D	
Common Stock (1)	10/01/2011		P		236.473	A	\$ 7.048	13,202.118	D	

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 2. 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 4. 5. 6. Date Exercisable and 7. Title and	8. Price of	9. Nu
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Exercisable Date of	1	
Code V (A) (D) Shares		

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
•	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Lehman Gary 200 E JACKSON ST PO BOX 792 MUNCIE, IN 47308	X						

## **Signatures**

Larry R. Helms (Confirming Statement on File) 10/04/2011

\*\*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) Non-Employee Director Stock Option (Right to buy) = 1500 shares

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