ENGLISH RODERICK

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See Instruction 1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading **ENGLISH RODERICK** Issuer Symbol FIRST MERCHANTS CORP (Check all applicable) [FRME] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) 200 E JACKSON STREET 06/30/2012 (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 Form filed by More than One Reporting MUNCIE, IN 47305 Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 4. Securities 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of 3. Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code Beneficially Beneficial Disposed of (D) (D) or (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Owned Ownership (Instr. 8) Indirect (I) Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code Amount (D) Price Common 06/30/2012 Α 401 \$0 9,159.567 D Α Stock (1) (2)

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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| 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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number proof Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 7. Title and Amou Underlying Securi (Instr. 3 and 4) | |
|--|---|--------------------------------------|---|---|--|--|--------------------|--|--------------------------------|
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amo or Nun of Shar |
| Non-Employee Director Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 12.46 | 06/30/2012 | | A | 1,500 | 01/01/2013 | 06/30/2022 | Common Stock | 1,5 |

Reporting Owners

| Relationships | | | | | |
|---------------|-----------|--------------------|----------------------------|--|--|
| Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | |
| X | | | | | |
| | | Director 10% Owner | Director 10% Owner Officer | | |

Signatures

Justin Bates (Confirming Statement on File) 07/03/2012

**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 options (Right to Buy) = 10,628 shares
- (2) Includes 7,351 shares held in restricted stock awards.

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