

FLUHLER STEPHAN  
Form 4  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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|---|---------|----------|--|---|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * |         |          | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol          | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  |
| FLUHLER STEPHAN                           |         |          | FIRST MERCHANTS CORP<br>[FRME]                       | (Check all applicable)  |
| (Last)                                    | (First) | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)     | ____ Director<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below)<br>Chief Information Officer / Senior Vice President  |
| 200 E JACKSON STREET                      |         |          | 06/20/2018   | ____ 10% Owner<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)   |
| (Street)                                  |         |          | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person<br><input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |
| MUNCIE, IN 47305                          |         |          |  |   |
| (City)                                    | (State) | (Zip)    |  |   |

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V Amount (A) or (D) Price   |   |  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 06/20/2018                           |  | S                              | 1,047 D \$ 48.004   | 10,467.893 (1)  | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 2,063.951   | I  | 401(k) Plan   |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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