#### **ELLINGTON KIMBERLY J**

Form 4

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# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

**SECURITIES** 

Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF Form 4 or Form 5

obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, 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 \*

**ELLINGTON KIMBERLY J** 

(Last) (First) (Middle)

200 EAST JACKSON STREET

(State)

(Street)

MUNCIE, IN 47305

(City)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

FIRST MERCHANTS CORP [FRME]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 02/01/2006

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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Director 10% Owner X\_ Officer (give title \_X\_ Other (specify

below) below) Senior Vice President / Director-Human Resources

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

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

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3)

(Month/Day/Year)

(Zip)

4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code (Instr. 8)

Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

or

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

6. Ownership Form: Direct (Instr. 4)

7. Nature of Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

(A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

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 Derivative Conversion 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed

(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction of Derivative Expiration Date

4. 5. Number

6. Date Exercisable and

7. Title and Amount of 8 Underlying Securities

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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed (D) (Instr. 3, and 5)	l l of	(Month/Day/Y	ear)	(Instr. 3 and	4)
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Deferred Stock Units (2)	<u>(1)</u>	02/01/2006		A	231.6		02/01/2008	02/01/2008	Common Stock	231.6

## **Reporting Owners**

	Relationships
Reporting Owner Name / Address	*

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

ELLINGTON KIMBERLY J 200 EAST JACKSON STREET MUNCIE, IN 47305

Senior Vice President Director-Human Resources

### **Signatures**

Larry R. Helms (Confirming Statement on File)

02/02/2006

\*\*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) Conversion price of derivative security is 1 for 1.
- (2) Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Direct: 595.409
- (3) Additional common stock owned by reporting person in 401k account: 127.7962

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