

FIRST MERCHANTS CORP  
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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 BRADSHAW JAMI L		(Month/Day/Year)	FIRST MERCHANTS CORP [FRME]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	07/24/2007	
200 EAST JACKSON STREET			4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
(Street)			(Check all applicable)	
MUNCIE,Â INÂ 47305			<input type="checkbox"/> Director	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person
			(give title below)	<input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
			Senior Vice President / Chief Accounting Officer	

**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 <sup>(1)</sup>	1,658.29	D	Â

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

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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)	07/01/2003	07/01/2013	Common Stock	420	\$ 23.46	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	07/01/2004	07/01/2014	Common Stock	800	\$ 25.595	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	09/01/2005	09/01/2015	Common Stock	1,000	\$ 26.7	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	02/08/2007	02/08/2017	Common Stock	2,000	\$ 26.31	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BRADSHAW JAMI L 200 EAST JACKSON STREET MUNCIE, IN 47305	Â	Â	Â Senior Vice President	Chief Accounting Officer

## Signatures

Jami L.  
Bradshaw

07/25/2007

\*\*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).
- (1) Additional 688.4325 shares of common stock owned in reporting person's 401K.

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