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Form 4  
February 10, 2003

U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 20549

FORM 4

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

Check box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations  
may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person\*

|        |         |          |
|--------|---------|----------|
| Helms  | Larry   | R        |
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) |

4905 North Tillotson Avenue

(Street)

|        |         |       |
|--------|---------|-------|
| Muncie | IN      | 47304 |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) |

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2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

First Merchants Corporation - FRME

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3. IRS Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an Entity (Voluntary)

314-40-0819

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4. Statement for Month/Day/Year

02/07/03

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5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)

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6. Relationship of Reporting Person to Issuer  
(Check all applicable)

|  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Director                              | <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner             |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) |

Senior Vice President, Secretary & General Counsel

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7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check applicable line)

- 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.<br>Title of Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Transaction<br>Date<br>(mm/dd/yy) | 3.<br>Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) |   | 4.<br>Securities Acquired (A) or<br>Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) |                  | Price |
|---------------------------------------|---|---|---|--|------------------|-------|
|                                       |   | Code                                    | V | Amount   | (A)<br>or<br>(D) |       |
| Common                                | 02/07/03                                | M                                       |   | 249.20   | A                |       |
| Common                                | 02/07/03                                | D                                       |   | 249.20   | D                | 22.78 |

\* If the Form is filed by more than one Reporting Person, see Instruction 4(b) (v).

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

(Print or Type Response)

(Over)

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Table II -- Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. | 2.<br>Conver-<br>sion<br>or<br>Exer-<br>cise<br>Price<br>of | 3.<br>Trans-<br>action<br>Code | 4.<br>Trans-<br>action<br>Code | 5.<br>Number of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired (A)<br>or Disposed<br>of (D) | 6.<br>Date<br>Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 7.<br>Title and Amount<br>of Underlying<br>Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |
|----|---|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|--|---|
|    |   |                                |                                |  |  | Amount  |

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| Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | Deriv-<br>ative<br>Secur-<br>ity | Date<br>(Month/<br>Day/<br>Year) | (Instr.<br>8)<br>-----<br>Code V | (Instr. 3,<br>4 and 5)<br>-----<br>(A) (D) | -----<br>Date<br>Exer-<br>cisable | Expira-<br>tion<br>Date | Title | or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |
|--|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|-------|------------------------------|
|--|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|-------|------------------------------|

Employee Stock  
Option (Right to  
Buy)

|                         |         |          |   |          |          |          |        |        |
|-------------------------|---------|----------|---|----------|----------|----------|--------|--------|
| Deferred Stock<br>Units | 1 for 1 | 02/07/03 | M | 249.20 D | 02/07/03 | 02/07/03 | Common | 249.20 |
|-------------------------|---------|----------|---|----------|----------|----------|--------|--------|

\*Reporting person received \$436.94 from accumulated dividends on year 2000 deferred stock units.

/s/ Larry R. Helms

February 10, 2003

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations.

See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space provided is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.