LORENTSON JEFFREY B

Form 4

October 04, 2010

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Issuer

LORENTSON JEFFREY B

FIRST MERCHANTS CORP [FRME]

(Check all applicable)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

OMB

Number:

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(Last) (First) (Middle)

(Street)

(State)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

10% Owner X_ Officer (give title _X_ Other (specify below) below)

Director

200 E JACKSON STREET

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Chief Risk Officer / Senior Vice President

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

09/30/2010

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person

Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

MUNCIE, IN 47305

(City)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3)

(Zip)

4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of 7. Nature of Securities Ownership Indirect Beneficially Form: Direct Beneficial Owned (D) or Ownership Following Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) Reported (Instr. 4)

D

(Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8)

(A) Code Amount (D) Price

(Instr. 3 and 4)

Transaction(s)

Common 09/30/2010 Stock (1)

7,211.4991 \$ A 43 A (2) 6.9573

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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. orNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3,		ate	7. Titl Amou Under Securi (Instr.	nt of lying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
					4, and 5)	Date	Expiration		Amount		
				Code V	(A) (D)	Exercisable	Date	Title	Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Keiationships
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Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Deletionship

LORENTSON JEFFREY B Senior Vice 200 E JACKSON STREET Chief Risk Officer President MUNCIE, IN 47305

Signatures

Larry R. Helms (Confirming Statement 10/04/2010 on File)

> **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) Employee Stock Option Right to Buy equals 4,500.
- (2) Includes 4,505.81 shares held in restricted stock awards.

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