ENGLISH RODERICK Form 3 February 09, 2005 FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549 OMB approval OMB approval

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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 <u>*</u> ENGLISH RODERICK			2. Date of Event Requiring Statement(Month/Day/Year)	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol FIRST MERCHANTS CORP [FRME]				
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	02/08/2005	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	
2902 ENTERPRISE DRIVE (Street) ANDERSON, IN 46260				(Check all applicable) <u>X</u> Director Officer 10% Owne (give title below) (specify below)		Owner	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - N	Non-Derivat	ive Securiti	es Be	neficially Owned	
1.Title of Securi (Instr. 4)	ty		2. Amount of Beneficially (Instr. 4)		3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nat Owne (Instr.	1	
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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	5. Ownership Form of Derivative	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of	Derivative Security	Security: Direct (D) or Indirect	

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Addre	ess	Relationships					
I O		10% Owner	Officer	Other			
ENGLISH RODERICK 2902 ENTERPRISE DRIVE ANDERSON, IN 46260	ÂX	Â	Â	Â			
Signatures							
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<u>**</u> Signature of Reporting Person	Date						

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(b)(v).

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