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Form 4  
December 30, 2002

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\*

Jeffares	Robert	T
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(Last)	(First)	(Middle)
531 Pawnee Circle		
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(Street)		
West Lafayette	IN	47906
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(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)

421-38-2833

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4. Statement for Month/Day/Year

12/27/02

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

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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. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (mm/dd/yy)	3. Transaction (Instr. 8) ----- Code V		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) ----- (A) or (D)		Price
		Code	V	Amount		
Common Stock						
Common Stock	12/27/02	G*	V	390	A	

\* 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)

2. Conver- sion or Exer- cise	3.	4. Trans-	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A)	6. Date Exercisable and	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	Price of Deriv- ative Secur- ity	Trans- action Date (Month/ Day/ Year)	action Code (Instr. 8) ----- Code V	or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) ----- (A) (D)	Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) ----- Date Exer- cisable	----- Date Expira- tion Date	Title	----- Amount or Number of Shares
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Non-Employee  
Director Stock  
Option (Right to  
Buy)

\*Adult stepdaughters of reporting person no longer part of household. Each  
stepdaughter owns 1,532 shares - no longer shown as indirect ownership on  
Form 4.

/s/ Larry R. Helms

December 30, 2002

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person  
Robert T. Jeffares  
(Confirming Statement on File)

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.