

o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

ITEM 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

(b) On June 30, 2011, First Merchants Corporation and its wholly owned subsidiary, First Merchants Bank, N.A., received notice from Mr. Marvin Pember that he will resign from the Board of Directors of each effective immediately. Mr. Pember has accepted the role of President of the Acute Care Division at Universal Health Services headquartered in Eastern Pennsylvania. Given his resignation from IU Health and relocation out of the First Merchants' market area, Mr. Pember has chosen to resign.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

DATE: July 6, 2011

FIRST MERCHANTS CORPORATION

By: /s/ Mark K. Hardwick
Mark K. Hardwick,
Executive Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer
