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presentation will also be available through a live audio webcast which can be accessed through the website: <http://www.howebarnes.com>. Attached as Exhibit 99.1 is a slide presentation that will be utilized during this presentation.

The presentation may contain forward-looking statements about the Corporation's relative business outlook. These forward-looking statements and all other statements contained in or made during the presentation that do not concern historical facts are subject to risks and uncertainties that may materially affect actual results.

Specific forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, any indications regarding the financial services industry, the economy and future growth of the Corporation's balance sheet or income statement.

The information in this Current Report on Form 8-K, including Exhibit No. 99.1 hereto, shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to liability of that section. The information in this Current Report shall not be incorporated by reference into any filing or other document pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing or document.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) (99.1) First Merchants Corporation Power Point Presentation, August 19, 2008.

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: August 18, 2008

FIRST MERCHANTS CORPORATION

By: /s/ Mark K. Hardwick

Mark K. Hardwick,
Executive Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

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POWER POINT PRESENTATION

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Exhibit 99.1