Flanagan Kevin Form 4 February 01, 2010

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Flanagan Kevin

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

FREDS INC [FRED] (Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 11/02/2009

Director 10% Owner Other (specify

X_ Officer (give title below) below) Vice President

4300 NEW GETWELL ROAD

(Street)

(State)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

MEMPHIS, TN 38118

(Instr. 3)

(City) (Zip) 1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (T) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A)

Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

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)

1. Title of 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 4. 5. Number 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration 7. Title and Amoun Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction Derivative Date Underlying Securiti Security or Exercise any Code Securities (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3) Price of (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)

Code V (A) (D) Date Exercisable Expiration Date Titl

Numl

of Share

2,50

Amou

Option on

Class A Common \$ 12.05 11/02/2009 A 2,500 01/02/2010(1) 11/02/2016(1) Common Stock

stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Flanagan Kevin 4300 NEW GETWELL ROAD MEMPHIS, TN 38118

Vice President

Signatures

Anita Ryan by power of attorney

02/01/2010

**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) Mr. Flanagan has been awarded 2,500 options to purchase shares of Fred's stock. Vesting occurs 20% per year for the first five years. The options expires in seven years.

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