Sanders James W Jr Form 5 February 25, 2013

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FORM 5 **OMB** UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION 3235-0362 Number: Washington, D.C. 20549 Check this box if January 31, Expires: no longer subject 2005 to Section 16. Estimated average ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL Form 4 or Form burden hours per 5 obligations OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES response... 1.0 may continue. See Instruction Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, 1(b). Form 3 Holdings Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section Reported 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 Form 4 Transactions Reported 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer Sanders James W Jr Symbol FREDS INC [FRED] (Check all applicable) (First) 3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Last) (Middle) (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner 02/19/2013 X _ Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) 4300 NEW GETWELL ROAD Vice President (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting Filed(Month/Day/Year) (check applicable line) MEMPHIS. TNÂ 38118 _X_ Form Filed by One Reporting Person Form Filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 4. Securities 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Transaction Acquired (A) or Securities Form: Direct Indirect Execution Date, if (Instr. 3) Code Disposed of (D) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Owned at end Indirect (I) Ownership of Issuer's (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) (A) Fiscal Year or (Instr. 3 and 4) (D) Amount Price Class A D Â Common 02/19/2012 D4 822 \$0 1,471 (1) D Â (1) Stock Class A D Â Â Common 02/19/2012 D4 1,124 \$0 347 (1) D Stock Class A

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Class A Common 02/19/2012 \hat{A} D4 141 $\frac{D}{\stackrel{(1)}{=}}$ \$ 0 0 $\frac{\stackrel{(1)}{=}}{\stackrel{(2)}{=}}$ D \hat{A} Stock

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 Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		ate	7. Titl Amou Under Secur (Instr.	int of rlying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)
					(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Sanders James W Jr

4300 NEW GETWELL ROAD Â Â Â Vice President Â

MEMPHIS, TNÂ 38118

Signatures

Jerry Shore by POA 02/25/2013

**Signature of Date

Reporting Person

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) James Sanders was terminated on 02/19/13.
- (2) James Sanders has 2,500 stock options on Class A Common Stock that will expire on 03/21/13.

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