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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * McNabb B Mary

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Symbol

FREDS INC [FRED]

(Check all applicable)

(Middle) (Last) (First)

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify

4300 NEW GETWELL ROAD 04/29/2010

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

below)

MEMPHIS, TN 38118

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Instr. 3)

(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of 6. Ownership Securities Form: Direct Beneficially (D) or Indirect Beneficial Owned Following (Instr. 4)

Reported Transaction(s)

or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

(A)

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. Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Security or Exercise Code (Instr. 3) Price of (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Acquired

5. Number 6. Date Exercisable and Transaction of Derivative **Expiration Date** Securities (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of **Underlying Securities** (Instr. 3 and 4)

7. Nature of

Ownership

(Instr. 4)

(9-02)

Indirect

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	Derivative Security				(D)	osed of :. 3, 4,				
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Option on Class A Common	\$ 14.44	04/29/2010	D <u>(1)</u>			3,000 (1)	04/29/2005	04/29/2010	Class A Common	3,000

Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
. Programme and the same	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
McNabb B Mary 4300 NEW GETWELL ROAD MEMPHIS, TN 38118	X						
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Signatures

Stock

Anita Ryan by power of 04/29/2010 attorney **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) Options on 3000 shares expired 04/29/2010 unexercised.

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