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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement FREDS INC [FRED] McAdory Brad (Month/Day/Year) 05/25/2010 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) **NEW GETWELL ROAD** (Check all applicable) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) 10% Owner Director _X_ Form filed by One Reporting _X__ Officer _ Other Person MEMPHIS, TNÂ 38118 (give title below) (specify below) Form filed by More than One Vice President Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) Class A Common Stock D Â $1,471 \frac{(1)}{2}$ Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	•		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security		4. Conversion or Exercise	5. Ownership Form of	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
	Date Expiration Exercisable Date	Evniration	(Instr. 4)	Title Amount or	Price of Derivative Derivative Security:	(Instr. 5)	
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				Shares		(I) (Instr. 5)	
Option on Class A Common Stock	03/11/2008	09/11/2010	Class A Common Stock	3,000	\$ 17.67	D	Â
Option on Class A Common Stock	09/08/2009	09/08/2011	Class A Common Stock	1,500	\$ 14.6	D	Â
Option on Class A Common Stock	03/21/2011	03/21/2013	Class A Common stock	2,600	\$ 13.25	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
1	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Othe		
McAdory Brad NEW GETWELL ROAD MEMPHIS, TN 38118	Â	Â	Vice President	Â		

Signatures

Anita Ryan by power of attorney

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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) The employee has received shares with a restriction that will lapse 1/4 per year based on achievement of current year EPS and achievement of progressive increases in each subsequent year.

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Remarks:

Employee has been determined by mangement to require section 16Â status.

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