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FORM 4

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Strickland Shannon			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
(Last) (First) (Middle)			FREDS INC [FRED] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)			
4300 NEW GETWELL ROAD		` ,	(Month/Day/Year) 08/06/2012	Director 10% Owner Selow) Other (give title below) UP			
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
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MEMPHIS, TN 38118

(City)	(State) (Z	Zip) Table	I - Non-Do	erivative S	Securi	ties Ac	quired, Disposed	of, or Beneficia	lly Owned
1.Title of	2. Transaction Date	2A. Deemed	3.	4. Securi	ties		5. Amount of	6. Ownership	7. Nature of
Security	(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date		TransactionAcquired (A) or			Securities	Form: Direct	Indirect	
(Instr. 3)		any	Code	Disposed	of (D))	Beneficially	(D) or	Beneficial
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	(Instr. 3,	4 and	5)	Owned	Indirect (I)	Ownership
							Following	(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)
					(4)		Reported		
					(A)		Transaction(s)		
			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Class A			Couc v	Amount	(D)	11100			
Class A						\$0			
Common	08/06/2012		S(1)	45	A	(1)	2,237	D	
Stock						(1)			

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

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
1 8	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Strickland Shannon							
4300 NEW GETWELL ROAD			VP				
MEMPHIS, TN 38118							

Signatures

Anita Ryan by power of attorney 08/08/2012

**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) 93 shares restrictions have lapsed.

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