Holligan Mike Form 5 February 27, 2013

OMB APPROVAL 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 Holligan Mike Symbol FREDS INC [FRED] (Check all applicable) 3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Last) (First) (Middle) (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner X _ Officer (give title Other (specify 02/27/2013 below) below) 4300 NEW GETWELL ROAD Sr. 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 Securities Form: Direct Indirect Execution Date, if Acquired (A) or (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) Amount (D) Price Class A Â Common 08/03/2012 $J4^{(1)}$ 1.593 \$0 $7,072 \frac{(1)}{2}$ D Â D Stock Persons who respond to the collection of information **SEC 2270** Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. contained in this form are not required to respond unless

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

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1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of	6. Date Exerc Expiration Day/	ate	7. Titl		8. Price of Derivative Security	
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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
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Holligan Mike 4300 NEW GETWELL ROAD MEMPHIS Â TNÂ 38118	Â	Â	Sr. Vice President	Â			

Signatures

Jerry Shore by POA 02/25/2013

**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).

Restricted shares grant of 1,593 shares on 05/03/2011 was reported on Form 4 on 05/03/2011. 339 shares were cancelled due to
(1) performance measures. Remaining grant of 1,254 shares of restricted stock was reported on Form 5 on 02/25/13. With this Form 5 we are reporting cancelation of the original grant of 1,593 reported on 05/03/2011.

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