

Bendapudi Neeli  
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# FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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## INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,  
Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*

Â Bendapudi Neeli

(Last) (First) (Middle)

4300 NEW GETWELL

(Street)

MEMPHIS,Â TNÂ 38118

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Date of Event Requiring Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

03/21/2018

3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
FREDS INC [FRED]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

☒ Director ☐ 10% Owner  
☐ Officer ☐ Other  
(give title below) (specify below)

5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
☐ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

### Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security  
(Instr. 4)

2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned  
(Instr. 4)

3. Ownership Form:  
Direct (D)  
or Indirect (I)  
(Instr. 5)

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership  
(Instr. 5)

Class A Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>

4,654

D Â

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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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)

2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date  
(Month/Day/Year)

3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security  
(Instr. 4)

4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security

5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:  
Direct (D)  
or Indirect

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership  
(Instr. 5)

Date Exercisable Expiration Date Title Amount or Number of

Shares

(I)  
(Instr. 5)

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Bendapudi Neeli 4300 NEW GETWELL MEMPHIS, TN 38118	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## Signatures

Ronald T. Kay by power of attorney      03/28/2018

\_\_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) New member of the Board granted shares of restricted stock, which vest within a specified period of time following termination from the Board.

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