Chatterjee Rit Form 3 December 17, 2018 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OMB APPROVAL FORM 3 Washington, D.C. 20549 OMB Number:

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> Chatterjee Rit			2. Date of Event Requ Statement (Month/Day/Year)		3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol FREDS INC [FRED]				
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	12/07/2018		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)		
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	(Street)			(Check	(Check all applicable) 6. Individual or Joint/Grou		dual or Joint/Group		
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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Chatterjee Rit 4300 NEW GETWELL ROAD MEMPHIS, TN 38118	Â	Â	SVP - Corporate Development	Â		
Signatures						
Benjamin L. Morgan by power of attorney.	12/17/2018					
**Signature of Reporting Person		Date				
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Explanation of Responses:

No securities are beneficially owned

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(b)(v).

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