

Sands Willie
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FORM 5

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN 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

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Sands Willie

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

4300 NEW GETWELL ROAD

(Street)

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)
08/03/2012

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Sr. Vice President

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting

(check applicable line)

MEMPHIS, TN 38118

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 Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|--|-----------------------------------|
| Class A Common Stock | 08/03/2012 | | J4 ⁽¹⁾ | 1,640 D \$ 0 | 7,089 ⁽¹⁾ | D | |

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

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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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| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Price of Underlying Security (Instr. 5) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|
| | | | | | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable (A) Expiration Date (D) | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|----------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Sands Willie 4300 NEW GETWELL ROAD MEMPHIS, TN 38118 | ^ | ^ | ^ Sr. Vice President | ^ |

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).

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Restricted shares grant of 1,640 shares on 05/03/2011 was reported on Form 4 on 05/03/2011. 348 shares were cancelled due to performance measures. Remaining grant of 1,292 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 1,640 reported on 05/03/2011.

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