#### FORWARD AIR CORP

Form 4

August 10, 2016

## FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

**SECURITIES** 

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

Common

Stock

08/08/2016

(Print or Type Responses)

1 Name and Address of Reporting Person \*

JEWELL MATTHEW J			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol FORWARD AIR CORP [FWRD]				Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last) 430 AIRPO	(First) (	(Mon	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/08/2016				DirectorX Officer (give below)	10%	Owner or (specify	
GREENEV	(Street) VILLE, TN 37745	Filed(	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	able I - Non-D	erivative	Secui	rities Acq	uired, Disposed of	, or Beneficiall	ly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Dat (Month/Day/Year)		Code	4. Securi on(A) or Di (Instr. 3,	ispose 4 and (A) or	d of (D) 5)  Price	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	08/08/2016		M	113	A	\$ 22.47	34,423.1004	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)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	Derivative	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Pri Deriv Secur (Instr
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 22.47	08/08/2016		M	113	<u>(1)</u>	02/07/2017	Common Stock	113	\$

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

JEWELL MATTHEW J 430 AIRPORT ROAD GREENEVILLE, TN 37745

President - Logistics Services

# **Signatures**

/s/ Michael P. McLean, Attorney-in-Fact

08/10/2016

\*\*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) This option vests 33-1/3% each year over a three year period commencing on 2/7/11.

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