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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * <u>Ridgemont Equity Management III, LLC</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) 101 S. TRYON ST. SUITE 3400 (Street) CHARLOTTE NC 28280 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 01/25/2024	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>FORWARD AIR CORP [FWRD]</u>	
		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)	5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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)
Common Stock	354,957	I	See footnotes. ⁽¹⁾⁽⁴⁾
Common Stock	101,745	I	See footnotes. ⁽²⁾⁽⁴⁾
Common Stock	243,005	I	See footnotes. ⁽³⁾⁽⁴⁾

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: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			
Opco Class B Units	01/25/2024	⁽⁵⁾	Common Stock	1,152,846	110	I	See footnotes. ⁽⁶⁾⁽⁸⁾
Opco Class B Units	01/25/2024	⁽⁵⁾	Common Stock	14,410	110	I	See footnotes. ⁽⁷⁾⁽⁸⁾

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