FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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Print or Ty	pe Response	s)																		
Name and Address of Reporting Person * NISWONGER SCOTT M						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol FORWARD AIR CORP [FWRD]								5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) X_Director X_10% Owner						
(Last) (First) (Middle) 430 AIRPORT ROAD						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 07/29/2003								X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) CEO & Chairman						
(Street)					4. If	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							
GREENEVILLE, TN 37745 (City) (State) (Zip)																				
						Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acqui														
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)		Date (Month/Day/Year) Ex		Executi any			Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (E) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)					ollowing	Ownership Form:		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership			
				(Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Pric				or Inc (I) (Instr	lirect				
Common	Stock		07/29/2003					S		17,000	D	\$ 30		3,482,700		D				
Common	Stock		07/29/2003					G		100,000	D	\$ 0		3,382,700		D				
Common Stock		07/30/2003					S		24,000	D	\$ 29.7	46	3,358,700		D					
Common Stock													300		I		By Self for Grandchil			
Common Stock											300			-		By S _l for C	pouse hild			
Reminder:	Report on a	separate lin	e for eac	h class of se	ecurities	beneficial	ly o	wned d	irectl	y or										
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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	2.	3. Transac	tion	3A. Deeme	ed	4.		5. Num		. Date Exe					8. Price of			10.	1	11. Nature
Derivative Security	Conversion or Exercise		w/Vear)	Execution	Date, if	Transaction Code				nd Expiration Date Month/Day/Year)			Amount of Underlying		Derivative Security	Derivative Securities		Owner Form o		of Indirect Beneficial
Security or Exercise (Month/D Price of Derivative Security				ny/Year)	Year) (Instr. 8)		Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		23, (Val)		5	Secu	urities (Instr. 5)		Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction((Instr. 4)	on(s)	Derivati Security Direct (or Indire	tive (ty: (D) rect	Ownership (Instr. 4)	
						Code	V	(A) (E	Date Exercisable	Expir Date	ation	Title	Amount or Number of Shares						

Reporting Owners

Describes Occasional Address	Relationships							
Reporting Owner Name / Address	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
NISWONGER SCOTT M								
430 AIRPORT ROAD	X	X	CEO & Chairman					
GREENEVILLE, TN 37745								

Signatures

By: /s/ Lera Doherty, Attorney in Fact	07/31/2003
**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).

Remarks:

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Power of Attorney

Know all by these presents, that the undersigned (the "Reporting Person") hereby constitutes and appoints Lera Doherty, Attorney in Fact as the Reporting Person's true and lawful attorney-in-fact to:

- (1) execute for and on behalf of the Reporting Person, in the Reporting Person's capacity as an officer or trustee of Forward Air Corporation (the "Company"), Forms 3, 4, and 5 in accordance with Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the rules thereunder;
- (2) do and perform and all acts for and on behalf of the Reporting Person which may be necessary or desirable to complete and execute any such Form 3, 4 or 5 and timely file such form with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission and any stock exchange or similar authority; and
- (3) take any other action of any type whatsoever in connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of such attorney-in-fact, may be of benefit to, and in the best interest of, or legally required by, the Reporting Person.

The Reporting Person hereby grants to each such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary, or proper to be done in the exercise of any of the rights and powers herein granted, as fully to all intents and purposes as the Reporting Person might or could do if personally present, with full power of Substitution or revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that such attorney-in-fact, or such attorney-in-facts substitute or substitutes, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by the virtue of this power of attorney and the rights and powers herein granted. The Reporting Person acknowledges that the foregoing attorneys-in-fact, in serving in such capacity at the request of the Reporting Person, are not assuming, nor is the company assuming, any of the Reporting Persons responsibilities to comply with Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

This Power of attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the Reporting Person is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4 and 5 with respect to the Reporting Person's holdings of and transactions in securities issued by the Company, unless earlier revoked by the Reporting Person in a signed writing delivered to the foregoing attorney-in-fact.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Reporting Person has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 28th day of July, 2003.

/s/ SCOTT M. NISWONGER
------Signature