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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person – JEWELL MATTHEW J | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol FORWARD AIR CORP [FWRD] | | | | | | | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) Senior VP & Gen. Counsel | | | | |
|---|-------------|--|--|--|----------|---------------|--------------------------------------|---|--|--|--|------------------------------------|--|---|---------------|-----|---|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) 430 AIRPORT ROAD | | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/11/2007 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| GREENE | EVILLE, T | (Street) | | 4. If Am | endı | nent, Dat | te Or | iginal F | Filed(Mo | onth/Day | /Year) | | X_Form filed b | or Joint/Grou y One Reporting y More than One I | Person | | ine) |
| (Cit | · · · | (State) | (Zip) | | | Ta | ble I | - Non- | -Deriva | tive S | ecurities | s Acquir | ed, Dispose | d of, or Bene | eficially Owr | ned | |
| 1.Title of S (Instr. 3) | Security | | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year |) any | ion | d Date, if | 3. Tra Code (Instr | ansactio | on 4. (A (Ir | Securi | ties Acq isposed (4 and 5) (A) or (D) | uired 5 of (D) 0 | . Amount o | f Securities B wing Reporte | eneficially | 6. | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| Common | Stock | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | 3,066 (1) | | | D | |
| Reminder: | Report on a | separate line for eac | Table II - | Derivati | ive S | Securities | s Acq | Pe cc fo juired, | ersons ontaine rm dis Dispos | s who ed in t splays sed of, | his for a curre or Bene | m are n ently va eficially (| ot require lid OMB c | n of informa d to respon ontrol num | d unless th | | 1474 (9-02) |
| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | Conversion | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | tth/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction of Expiration Date Code Derivative (Month/Day/Year) | | <u> </u> | es | Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | f 9. Number o e Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction((Instr. 4) | Owners Form o Derivat Securit Direct (or Indir | ive Ownershi y: (Instr. 4) D) ect | | | | | | | |
| | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exerci | isable | Expir Date | ation | Title | or Number of Share | | | | |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 31.65 | 02/11/2007 | | А | | 50,000 | | 1 | <u>(2)</u> | 02/1 | 1/2014 | Comm Stocl | 50.00 |) \$0 | 50,000 | D | |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 21.88 | | | | | | | 1 | <u>(3)</u> | 07/0 | 1/2012 | Comm Stocl | 37.50 |) | 37,500 | D | |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 13.25 | | | | | | | 02/07 | 7/2004 | 02/0 | 7/2013 | Comm Stocl | 10 10 | 2 | 10,402 | D | |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 18.82 | | | | | | | 1 | <u>(4)</u> | 02/04 | 4/2014 | Comm Stocl | |) | 30,000 | D | |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 28.97 | | | | | | | 1 | <u>(5)</u> | 02/14 | 4/2015 | Comm Stocl | on 112,50 | 0 | 112,500 | D | |

Reporting Owners

| | Relationships | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|--------------------------|-------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | | | | |
| JEWELL MATTHEW J 430 AIRPORT ROAD GREENEVILLE, TN 37745 | | | Senior VP & Gen. Counsel | | | | | | | |

Signatures

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- * 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) Includes 582 shares acquired under the Issuer's employee stock purchase plan in June and December 2006.
- (2) This is a vesting schedule, 33-1/3% over 3 years commencing 2/11/08.
- (3) This is a vesting schedule, 25% over 4 years commencing 7/1/03.
- (4) This is a vesting schedule, 25% over 4 years, commencing 2/4/2005.
- (5) This is a vesting schedule, 25% over 4 years, commencing 2/14/2006.

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