# 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 * Nayak Chitra           |   |        |   | 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 10% Owner          |                  |  |  |                                  |
| (Last) (First) (Middle)<br>1915 SNAPPS FERRY ROAD, BUILDING N |   |        | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/11/2022 |   |                     |                    |  | Office  | r (give title belo  | ow)  | Other (specify b | elow)  |  |                                  |
| (Street) GREENEVILLE, TN 37745                                |   |        |   | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)                |                     |                    |  |   | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting PersonForm filed by More than One Reporting Person |  |                  |  |  |                                  |
| (City) (State) (Zip)  |   |        |   | Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acqu                            |                     |                    |  |   | uired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned   |  |                  |  |  |                                  |
| 1.Title of Security<br>(Instr. 3)                             |   | I      | 2. Transaction<br>Date<br>Month/Day/Year)                   | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, i<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Yea            | f Code<br>(Instr. 8 | Code<br>(Instr. 8) |  | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) |   | 5. Amount of Securities<br>Beneficially Owned Following<br>Reported Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |                  |  | Beneficial<br>Ownership  |                                  |
|   |   |        |   |   | Code                | V                  | Amou   | (A) or (D)  | Price   |  |                  |  | or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)   | (Instr. 4)                       |
| Common  | Stock   |        | 05/11/2022  |   | A                   |                    | 1,227  | A   | \$ 0  | 2,904  |                  |  | D  |                                  |
|   |   |        |   | Derivative Securi   |                     | the fred, D        | form di<br>isposed   | splays a o  | curre<br>eficial  | ently valid  |                  | spond unle<br>trol numbe   |  |                                  |
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| Security  | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security |        | Execution Da<br>Year) any                                   | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)                                      |                     |                    | 6. Date Exercisable<br>and Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |   | Am<br>Und<br>Sec  | ount of derlying purities str. 3 and Derivative Security (Instr. 5)                                    |                  | 9. Number of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 4) | Ownersl<br>Form of<br>Derivati<br>Security<br>Direct (I<br>or Indire | Beneficia Ownershi (Instr. 4) O) |
|   |   |        |   | Code V  | (A) (D)             |                    | e<br>rcisable  | Expiration<br>Date  | Title   | Amount or e Number of Shares   |                  |  |  |                                  |

### **Reporting Owners**

|   | Relationships |              |         |       |  |  |
|---|---------------|--------------|---------|-------|--|--|
| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Director      | 10%<br>Owner | Officer | Other |  |  |
| Nayak Chitra<br>1915 SNAPPS FERRY ROAD<br>BUILDING N<br>GREENEVILLE, TN 37745 | X             |              |         |       |  |  |

## **Signatures**

| /s/ Michael L. Hance, Attorney-in-Fact | 05/12/2022 |  |  |
|--|------------|--|--|
| **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).
- Represents restricted stock awarded under the Forward Air Corporation Amended and Restated Non-Employee Director Stock Plan in a transaction exempt from Section (1) 16(b) under Rule 16b-3. The stock fully vests on the earlier of (a) the day immediately prior to the first Annual Meeting that occurs after the grant date or (b) the first anniversary of the grant date.

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