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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN 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

(Print or Typ	e Response	es)													
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * BELL RODNEY L				2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol FORWARD AIR CORP [FWRD]						5.	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner				
430 AIRPORT ROAD (First) (Middle)				3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/08/2016							X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) CFO, SVP & Treasurer				
(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 Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
(City))	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned											
(Instr. 3) Da		2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		(Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acqui (A) or Disposed of (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		of (D) Owned Follow				Ownership Form:	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership	
						ode V	Amoun	(A) or)		()	nstr. 4)		
Common S	Stock		02/08/2016				A	1,908 (1)	A	\$ 0 10	107,216.2789			D	
Common S	Stock		02/09/2016			F	<u>(2)</u>	797	D	\$ 0 10	06,419.278	39		D	
				(e.g., puts,	calls, w	arrant	quired, D	isposed o	f, or Be	neficially (ollid OMB co				
Security (Instr. 3)	Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		if Transaction of Code Derivir) (Instr. 8) Secu Acqu (A) of Disport of (D		ivative urities urited or posed D) tr. 3, 4	urities uired or oosed O) r. 3, 4,		on Date		nd Amount ying ind 4)		9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction((Instr. 4)	Ownersh Form of Derivativ Security: Direct (I or Indirect	O) ct
				Code	V (A	.) (D)	Date Exercisa	Expirate Date	ation	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Common Stock	\$ 43.67	02/08/2016		A	7,1	05	(3)	02/08	8/2023	Common Stock	7,105.00	\$ 0	7,105	D	
Repor	ting O	wners						7							

	Relationships					
Reporting Owner Name / Address	Director	ctor 10% Owner Officer				
BELL RODNEY L 430 AIRPORT ROAD GREENEVILLE, TN 37745			CFO, SVP & Treasurer			

Signatures

/s/ Michael P. McLean, Attorney-in-Fact	02/10/2016
**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) Award of time-vesting restricted stock under the Forward Air Corporation Amended and Restated Stock Option and Incentive Plan in a transaction exempt from Section 16(b) under Rule 16b-3. The stock vests equally in one-third increments over three years commencing 2/8/17 and fully vesting on 2/8/19.
- (2) Restricted stock withheld by Issuer to satisfy minimum tax withholding obligation on vesting of restricted stock.
- (3) This option vests 33-1/3% each year over a three year period commencing on 2/8/17.

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