## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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| Print or Type Response  1. Name and Address or            | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  |                                       |  |       |              |                                    |   | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  Director T Officer (give title below)  CFO, Senior VP and Treasurer |                             |  |  |   |  |   |
|---|--|---------------------------------------|--|-------|--------------|------------------------------------|---|--|-----------------------------|--|--|---|--|---|
| Morris Michael Jose<br>(Last)<br>430 AIRPORT ROA          | FORWARD AIR CORP [FWRD]  3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 06/27/2016 |                                       |  |       |              |                                    |   |  |                             |  |  |   |  |   |
| GREENEVILLE, T  | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)                                 |                                       |  |       |              |                                    |   | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) 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)  |  | Transaction<br>ate<br>Ionth/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Ye                             | _     |              | (A) or Dispos (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and |   | Disposed 6   | ed of Beneficia<br>Reported |  | ally Owned Following<br>I Transaction(s) |   | Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)                                     | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership |
|   |  |                                       |  |       | Code         | V                                  | Amour   | (A) or (D)   | Price                       | 2                                      |  |   | or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)   | (Instr. 4)  |
| Common Stock  | 06   | 5/27/2016                             |  |       | A            |                                    | 7,648<br>(1)  | A  | \$ 0                        | 7,648                                  |  |   | D  |   |
|   |  |                                       | erivative Secui  |       | s Acquire    | he fo                              | orm dis   | splays a<br>of, or Ben   | curre<br>eficial            | ntly valid                             | d OMB cor                                | espond unl<br>ntrol numb  |  | 02)   |
| 1. Title of Derivative Conversion Security (Instr. 3)  2. |  | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date<br>any   | 4.<br>te, if Transaction<br>Code<br>Year) (Instr. 8)                             |       | 5. Number of | 6. Da                              | . Date Exercisable<br>nd Expiration Date<br>Month/Day/Year) |  | 7. Title and                |  | Derivative<br>Security<br>(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 | (Instr. 4)  |
|   |  |                                       | Code   | V     | (A) (D)      | Date<br>Exer                       | cisable   | Expiration<br>Date   | n<br>Title                  | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |  |   |  |   |
| Reporting O   | wners  |                                       | Relatio  | nshii | ps           |                                    |   |  |                             |  |  |   |  |   |

| Barrella Carrella Name / Addition                                  | Relationships      |  |                              |       |  |  |  |
|--|--------------------|--|------------------------------|-------|--|--|--|
| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                     | Director 10% Owner |  | Officer                      | Other |  |  |  |
| Morris Michael Joseph<br>430 AIRPORT ROAD<br>GREENEVILLE, TN 37745 |                    |  | CFO, Senior VP and Treasurer |       |  |  |  |

# **Signatures**

| /s/ Michael P. McLean, Attorney-in-Fact | 06/28/2016 |
|---|------------|
| **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 2016 Omnibus Incentive Compensation 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 6/27/17 and fully vesting on 6/27/19.

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