

FORWARD AIR CORP

Form 4

February 10, 2016

FORM 4
UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
JEWELL MATTHEW J

(Last) (First) (Middle)

430 AIRPORT ROAD

(Street)

GREENEVILLE, TN 37745

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol

FORWARD AIR CORP [FWRD]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)

02/08/2016

4. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
____X____ Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)

President - Logistics Services

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
____X____ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	02/08/2016		A	2,519 (1) A \$ 0	32,979.1004 (2)	D	
Common Stock	02/09/2016		F(3)	941 D \$ 0	32,038.1004	D	

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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 Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Date of Acquisition or Disposition (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)
Common Stock	\$ 43.67	02/08/2016		A	9,379	<u>(4)</u> 02/08/2023	Common Stock	9,379

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
JEWELL MATTHEW J 430 AIRPORT ROAD GREENEVILLE, TN 37745			President - Logistics Services	

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).

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- Award of time-vesting restricted stock under the Forward Air Corporation Amended and Restated Stock Option and Incentive Plan in a
- (1) 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) Includes 6,2815 shares acquired under the Issuer's employee stock purchase plan in June and December 2015.
 - (3) Restricted stock withheld by Issuer to satisfy minimum tax withholding obligation on vesting of restricted stock.
 - (4) This option vests 33-1/3% each year over a three year period commencing on 2/8/17.

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