FORWARD AIR CORP

Form 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * GRAY ROBERT/TN			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol FORWARD AIR CORP [FWRD]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check an applicable)		
430 AIRPORT	T ROAD		(Month/Day/Year) 08/11/2005	Director 10% Owner Officer (give titleX Other (specify below) Former Director		
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
GREENEVILI	LE, TN 377	45	Filed(Month/Day/Year)	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 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Securities Ownership Indirect (Instr. 3) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Form: Direct Code Beneficially Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned (D) or Ownership Following Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) Reported (Instr. 4) (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price Common 08/11/2005 M 11,250 A 26,700 D Stock 25.42 Common \$ 19.6 37,950 08/11/2005 M 11,250 D Α Stock Common D 08/11/2005 M 11,250 49,200 Stock Common 08/11/2005 M 5,625 Α \$ 20.2 54,825 D Stock Common 08/12/2005 M 11,250 A \$ 22.5 66,075 D Stock

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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative 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)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Share
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 25.42	08/11/2005		M	11,250	<u>(1)</u>	05/22/2011 ⁽²⁾	Common Stock	11,250
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 19.6	08/11/2005		M	11,250	(3)	05/21/2012(4)	Common Stock	11,250
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 15.57	08/11/2005		M	11,250	<u>(5)</u>	05/20/2013 <u>(6)</u>	Common Stock	11,250
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 20.2	08/11/2005		M	5,625	<u>(7)</u>	05/19/2014(8)	Common Stock	5,625
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 22.5	08/12/2005		M	11,250	<u>(9)</u>	04/24/2010(10)	Common Stock	11,250

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
GRAY ROBERT/TN				Former Director	
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By: /s/ Lera Doherty, Attorney-in-Fact

08/15/2005

**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) This is a vesting schedule, 50% over 2 years, commencing 5/22/02.
- The original expiration date was 05/22/2011; however, the Reporting Person ceased being a director subject to Section 16 on 05/26/05. Accordingly, pursuant to the Issuer's Non-Employee Director Stock Option Plan the expiration date is now 08/24/2005.
- (3) This is a vesting schedule, 50% over 2 years, commencing 5/21/03.
- (4) The original expiration date was 05/21/2012; however, the Reporting Person ceased being a director subject to Section 16 on 05/26/05. Accordingly, pursuant to the Issuer's Non-Employee Director Stock Option Plan the expiration date is now 08/24/2005.
- (5) This is a vesting schedule, 50% over 2 years commencing 5/20/04.
- The original expiration date was 05/20/2013; however, the Reporting Person ceased being a director subject to Section 16 on 05/26/05. Accordingly, pursuant to the Issuer's Non-Employee Director Stock Option Plan the expiration date is now 08/24/2005.
- (7) This is a vesting schedule, 50% over 2 years commencing 5/19/05.
- (8) The original expiration date was 05/19/2014; however, the Reporting Person ceased being a director subject to Section 16 on 05/26/05. Accordingly, pursuant to the Issuer's Non-Employee Director Stock Option Plan the expiration date is now 08/24/2005.
- (9) This is a vesting schedule, 50% over 2 years commencing 5/24/01.
- (10) The original expiration date was 04/24/2010; however, the Reporting Person ceased being a director subject to Section 16 on 05/26/05. Accordingly, pursuant to the Issuer's Non-Employee Director Stock Option Plan the expiration date is now 08/24/2005.

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