

FORWARD AIR CORP  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
GRAY ROBERT/TN

(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)  
08/11/2005

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director  
\_\_\_\_ Officer (give title below)  10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Former Director

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**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 or Price (A) or (D)		
Common Stock	08/11/2005		M		11,250 A \$ 25.42	26,700	D
Common Stock	08/11/2005		M		11,250 A \$ 19.6	37,950	D
Common Stock	08/11/2005		M		11,250 A \$ 15.57	49,200	D
Common Stock	08/11/2005		M		5,625 A \$ 20.2	54,825	D
Common Stock	08/12/2005		M		11,250 A \$ 22.5	66,075	D

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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. 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)
				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 <u>(2)</u>	Common Stock 11,250
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 19.6	08/11/2005		M	11,250	<u>(3)</u> 05/21/2012 <u>(4)</u>	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 <u>(8)</u>	Common Stock 5,625
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 22.5	08/12/2005		M	11,250	<u>(9)</u> 04/24/2010 <u>(10)</u>	Common Stock 11,250

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GRAY ROBERT/TN 430 AIRPORT ROAD				Former Director

GREENEVILLE, TN 37745

## Signatures

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.
- (2) 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.
- (6) 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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