FORWARD AIR CORP

Form 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading BELL RODNEY L Issuer Symbol FORWARD AIR CORP [FWRD] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify 430 AIRPORT ROAD 08/15/2005 below) VP & Controller (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting **GREENEVILLE, TN 37745** Person

(C	nty)	(State) (2	Table	I - Non-l	De	rivative S	ecurit	ties Acc	quired, Disposed (of, or Beneficial	lly Owned	
1.Title	of	2. Transaction Date	2A. Deemed	3.		4. Securi	ties		5. Amount of	6. Ownership	7. Nature of	
Securit	y	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transacti		onAcquired (A) or			Securities	Form: Direct	Indirect	
(Instr. 3	3)		any	Code		Disposed	of (D)	Beneficially	(D) or	Beneficial	
			(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8))	(Instr. 3,	4 and	5)	Owned	Indirect (I)	Ownership	
									Following	(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)	
							(4)		Reported			
							(A)		Transaction(s)			
				Code	V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)			
Comn		08/15/2005		G V	V	250	D	\$0	42,807	D		

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	2.	3. Transaction Date		4.	5.	6. Date Exerc		7. Titl		8. Price of	9. Nu
Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Transact Code (Instr. 8)	orNumber of Derivativ Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	:		Amou Under Securi (Instr.	lying	Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

BELL RODNEY L 430 AIRPORT ROAD GREENEVILLE, TN 37745

VP & Controller

Signatures

By: /s/ Lera Doherty,

Attorney-in-Fact 08/17/2005

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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