McLean Michael P Form 4 August 08, 2017

FORM 4

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

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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

(Last)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * McLean Michael P

> (First) (Middle)

1915 SNAPPS FERRY ROAD, BUILDING N

(Street)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

FORWARD AIR CORP [FWRD]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/04/2017

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4. If Amendment, Date Original

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

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

VP & CAO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

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Person

GREENEVILLE, TN 37745

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	ole I - Non-	Derivative	Secui	rities Acqui	ired, Disposed of,	or Beneficial	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	(A) or			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)
Common Stock	08/04/2017		Code V M	Amount 2,174	(D)	Price \$ 36.55	20,558.6875	D	
Common Stock	08/04/2017		M	4,407	A	\$ 37.14	24,965.6875	D	
Common Stock	08/04/2017		M	4,009	A	\$ 42.48	28,974.6875	D	
Common Stock	08/04/2017		M	3,043	A	\$ 50.71	32,017.6875	D	
Common Stock	08/04/2017		M	2,085	A	\$ 43.67	34,102.6875	D	

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Common Stock 08/04/2017 S 15,718 D \$ 15,718 D 51.046 18,384.6875 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)	Execution Date, if Transaction of I any Code Sec (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Acc (A) Dis (D) (Instr. 8)		Secu Acqu (A) o Disp (D)	urities uired or oosed of rr. 3, 4,	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 Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 36.55	08/04/2017		M		2,174	<u>(1)</u>	02/07/2019	Common Stock	2,174
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 37.14	08/04/2017		M		4,407	(2)	02/07/2020	Common Stock	4,407
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 42.48	08/04/2017		M		4,009	<u>(3)</u>	02/06/2021	Common Stock	4,009
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 50.71	08/04/2017		M		3,043	<u>(4)</u>	02/09/2022	Common Stock	3,043
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 43.67	08/04/2017		M		2,085	<u>(5)</u>	02/08/2023	Common Stock	2,085

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

McLean Michael P

1915 SNAPPS FERRY ROAD BUILDING N

VP & CAO

GREENEVILLE, TN 37745

Signatures

/s/ Michael P

McLean 08/08/2017

**Signature of Date
Reporting Person

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 option vests 33 1/3% each year over a three year period commencing on 2/7/13.
- (2) This option vests 33-1/3% each year over a three year period commencing on 2/7/14.
- (3) This option vests 33-1/3% each year over a three year period commencing on 2/6/15.
- (4) This option vests 33 1/3% each year over a three year period commencing on 2/9/16.
- (5) This option vests 33 1/3% each year over a three year period commencing on 2/8/17.

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