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FOIA 2.6 (b)(3)

Re: Request for Confidential Treatment of Information Submitted in EA06-012

Dear Mr. Vondale:

This responds to your June 27, 2007 request for confidential treatment for materials submitted by Ford Motor Company (Ford) to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). You request that the materials be granted confidential treatment for a period of ten (10) years.

Ford seeks confidential treatment for copies of a presentation and video used during a meeting between Ford and NHTSA representatives. The information for which Ford seeks confidential treatment is marked "CONFIDENTIAL." Ford contends that it submitted this information voluntarily and that it is not customarily released to the public.

I have decided to grant your request.

The information provided by Ford was submitted voluntarily. Accordingly, I have reviewed your request under the principles set forth in *Critical Mass Energy Project v. Nuclear Regulatory Comm'n*, 975 F.2d 871 (D.C. Cir. 1992).

Under the test set forth in *Critical Mass*, financial or commercial information provided to the government on a voluntary basis is "confidential" for purposes of Exemption 4 of the Freedom of Information Act if it is the kind of information that would customarily not be released to the public by the submitter. Your certificate indicates that the information contained in your response is information that has never released or become available outside Ford. After reviewing the information, I have determined to grant your request for confidential treatment.

Subject to the conditions below, this grant of confidential treatment will remain in effect for ten (10) years.

This grant of confidential treatment is subject to certain conditions. The information may be disclosed under 49 CFR § 512.22 based upon newly discovered or changed facts, and you must inform the agency of any changed circumstances that may affect the protection of the information (49 CFR § 512.10). If necessary, you will be notified prior to the release of any information under the procedures established by our regulations (49 CFR § 512.22(b)).

Sincerely,

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