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Via Certified Mail and Email
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EQ10-011
10E-053

Subject: Siemens Plug-In Circuit Breaker Safety Recall

Dear Mr. Biazo:

The purpose of this letter is to make you aware of a potential safety problem in vehicles that you manufactured and to remind you of your responsibilities under Federal law. We also request a written response from your company upon processing the required information outlined below.

The Office of Defects Investigation (ODI), Recall Management Division (RMD) is conducting an equipment query (EQ) investigation in relation to certain Siemens Corporation (Siemens) plug-in circuit breakers that the manufacturer has decided contain a safety related defect that could cause a fire. This investigation has been assigned the identification EQ10-011.

In a letter dated November 11, 2010, Siemens Corporation (Siemens) notified the NHTSA that it had decided certain plug-in circuit breakers, manufactured between June 1, 2010, and July 31, 2010, contain a safety related defect. Siemens stated that certain circuit breakers contain a spring clip that may break or fail due to improper heat treatment during manufacturing. Should a circuit breaker spring clip break or fail, excessive temperature, arcing or thermal damage leading to a fire is possible. Should a fire occur from a circuit breaker installed into a recreational vehicle, both personal injury and property damage are possible. Siemens noted that these circuit breakers were sold under both the Siemens and Murray brand names and installed into load centers and meter combo enclosures manufactured between June 23, 2010, and August 25, 2010. NHTSA assigned recall number 10E-053 to this matter.

Siemens notified RMD that it sold the affected circuit breakers to Dave Carter & Associates for further distribution to manufacturers of motor vehicles. It was learned from Dave Carter & Associates that your company was sold 384 of the MP115 catalog number circuit breakers, 576 of the MP120 catalog number circuit breakers, and 60 of the MP130 catalog circuit breakers.

Pursuant to Federal law, manufacturers of motor vehicles sold, offered for sale, delivered, or imported into the United States must notify NHTSA, within five (5) business days, when they first learn a safety defect or a noncompliance with a Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard exists in one of their vehicles. In the case of a defect or noncompliance in original equipment installed in the vehicles of more than one manufacturer, notification to NHTSA must be made by the original equipment manufacturer as to the equipment item, and by each vehicle manufacturer as to those vehicles it manufactured in which the defective equipment was installed. The content of that notification is specified in 49 U.S.C. 573.6, Defect and Noncompliance Information Report. As of this date, we have not received the required report from your company.

This letter serves to remind you of your company's responsibilities, and to request that you make a timely defect decision and supply the requisite Defect Information Report. Guidance is provided in the following paragraphs to assist you in determining whether or not you are required to file a report. If you are required to file a report, please provide the information required by 49 CFR 573.6. Detailed information about that report follows. Additionally, please include the date on which you received notification of this matter from Siemens or Dave Carter & Associates.

In view of this fire risk, and your company's obligations under Federal law, we are also reminding your company that it is required to issue timely notification to owners who may have purchased vehicles with the defective plug-in circuit breakers. In advance of issuing its owner notification letters, your company must submit a draft of its letter to NHTSA for review. Your company is reminded that this letter must meet the requirements of 49 CFR 577.5, "Notification pursuant to a manufacturer's decision." Your company is further reminded that notifications must be sent to those persons registered under State law as the owners of the vehicles. If particular owners cannot be reasonably ascertained by State records, notifications must be sent to those persons you identify as the most recent purchasers. We are also reminding your company that it is required to notify dealers and distributors as required by 49 CFR 577.13.

Please further note that you must file six quarterly recall status reports as required by 49 CFR 573.7. These reports are to be filed on consecutive yearly quarters beginning with the quarter in which notification to owners begins.

If your company has not received any of this equipment, or if your products are not available to be sold, offered for sale, delivered, or imported into the United States, please so state. If your company does not agree with Siemens that a defect exists in these plug-in circuit breakers, you must submit a written response explaining your decision including all supporting documents, analysis, and/or test reports.

This letter is being sent to your company pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 30166, which authorizes NHTSA to conduct any investigation that may be necessary to enforce Chapter 301 of Title 49. Your company's failure to respond promptly and fully to this letter could subject your company to civil penalties pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 30165 or lead to an action for injunctive relief pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 30163.

If your company claims that any of the information or documents provided in response to this information request constitute confidential commercial material within the meaning of 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(4), or are protected from disclosure pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1905, your company must submit supporting information together with the materials that are the subject of the confidentiality request, in accordance with 49 CFR Part 512, as amended (69 Fed. Reg. 21409 et

seq; April 21, 2004), to the Office of Chief Counsel (NCC-111), National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Room W41-227, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E., Washington, D.C. 20590. Your company is required to submit two copies of the documents containing allegedly confidential information (except only one copy of blueprints) and one copy of the documents from which information claimed to be confidential has been deleted. Please remember that the word "CONFIDENTIAL" must appear at the top of each page containing information claimed to be confidential, and the information must be clearly identified in accordance with 5 U.S.C. § 512.6.

Your company's written response must be submitted to this office within 10 days of receiving this letter. In your response, please be certain to include a reference to this matter's identification number which is EQ10-011.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Alex Ansley of my staff at (202) 493-0481 or by e-mail at alexander.ansley@dot.gov. Response submissions may be made by US Mail, fax (202) 366-7882, or e-mail rmd.odi@dot.gov.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure