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August 5, 2014

US Department of Transportation
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

RE: EQ-14-006

Gentlemen:

In reference to your request for information regarding safety recalls involving Muncie FR67 PTO switches, our response follows. Due to misdirection of the original notice dated May 30, 2014 to Mr. Roy Wilcox, who is no longer employed with our company, we apologize for our delay in acknowledging our participation in this matter.

Upon receipt of the second notification received July 31, 2014, we immediately began investigation of the location of the switches sold to our company. We contacted Muncie Power Products, Inc., to inquire as to why we had not been notified of our involvement. We informed them that our company was identified to the NHTSA as having received nine (9) switches. According to their customer service manager, Muncie had not reported any switches being sold to Forestry Equipment of VA, Inc. Regardless, our purchasing department did identify seven (7) switches as being purchased between November 2011 and April 2012.

We are prepared to account for the original location of seven (7) switches. Five (5) were sold to customers as part of completed trucks and two (2) were returned to Muncie for credit. We have no record of receiving a total of nine (9) switches. Our company has received no report of issues or problems from any customer/owner of equipment furnished with this switch.

According to Jeff Jackson of Muncie, our obligation is to forward to our end-user customers a copy of the attached Muncie letter dated February 10, 2014. We have prepared a transmittal letter for each customer who purchased a truck on which the switch, in question, was installed. Please find attached copies of the letters identify our customers and the units purchased.

In an attempt to clarify the proper action on our part, we did call and leave a message for Cynthia Glass. We understand she will be available to return our call on August 7, 2014. Rather than delay making our response, this letter and attachments are being emailed to rmd.odi@dot.gov. on this date. Our company intends to fully comply with the requirements of notifying our customers.

Approximate date on which the owner notification will begin: Week of Aug 11, 2014

Approximate date on which the owner notification will be completed: Week of Aug 11, 2014

Approximate date on which the dealer notification will be completed: Week of Aug 11, 2014

We shall await your review and appreciate your guidance on how to proceed in this matter.

Sincerely,

Mark B. Sharman
President & General Manager

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Asplundh Tree Expert Co.
708 Blair Mill Road
Willow Grove, PA 19090

Attn: Paul Sykes

Re: 2012 Ford F550 LT40F VIN 1FDUF5HY1CEA71198
Shipped to Region 51, 800 West Maple St, Suite G, Hartville, OH 44632
Invoice DI-1455 Dated March 25, 2013

Dear Paul:

In regard to the above referenced truck purchased by your company, we have received notice from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration regarding a safety issue involving the Muncie Power Take Off switch installed on this unit.

Enclosed is a copy of the notification issued to all owners of Ford Super Duty Chassis with 6.8L gas engines and Muncie FR67 Series PTO. Muncie Power Products, Inc. will assist any customer who reports concerns or actual issues with the part and will provide a replacement kit at no charge.

We appreciate your assistance in conveying this information directly to the appropriate personnel within your company. If you have any questions or problems, please contact us immediately.

Sincerely,

Mark B. Sharman
President & General Manager

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August 5, 2014

Utility Tree Service, Inc.
708 Blair Mill Road
Willow Grove, PA 19090

Attention: Paul Sykes

Re: 2012 Ford F550 LT40F VIN 1FDUF5HY8CEA71196
Shipped to Region 73, 20575 Chipeta Way, Redding, CA 96003
Invoice DI-1433 Dated January 10, 2013

Dear Paul:

In regard to the above referenced truck purchased by your company, we have received notice from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration regarding a safety issue involving the Muncie Power Take Off switch installed on this unit.

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Attention: Paul Sykes

Re: 2012 Ford F550 LT40F VIN 1FDUF5HYXCEA71197
Shipped to Region 661, 800 West Maple St, Suite G, Hartville, OH 44632
Invoice DI-1454 Dated March 15, 2013

Dear Paul:

In regard to the above referenced truck purchased by your company, we have received notice from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration regarding a safety issue involving the Muncie Power Take Off switch installed on this unit.

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Terex Utilities, Inc.
Attn: Sheldon Seward
500 Oakwood Road
Watertown, SD 57201

Re: 2012 Ford LT40F VIN 1FDUF5GY0CEC70678
Sold to City of Beaverton, 3807 SE Ash Street, Beaverton, OR 97076
Invoice DI-1817 Dated January 29, 2013

Dear Sheldon

In regard to the above referenced truck purchased by your dealership, we have received notice from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration regarding a safety issue involving the Muncie Power Take Off switch installed on this unit.

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August 5, 2014

Lewis Utility Truck Sales, Inc.
Attn: Edel Lewis
628 N. Portland Street
Ridgeville, IN 47380

Re: 2012 Ford LT40' VIN 1FDUF5Y4CEA71194
Sold to Muscogee Creek Nation, 1008 E. Eufaula St., Okmulgee, OK 47380
Invoice DI-1432 Dated March 27, 2012

Dear Edel:

In regard to the above referenced truck purchased by your dealership, we have received notice from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration regarding a safety issue involving the Muncie Power Take Off switch installed on this unit.

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February 10, 2014

Re: Ford Super Duty Chassis with 6.8L gas engine and Muncie FR67 Series PTO

Dear Customer:

Please review the included information below on the 2009-2014 Ford Super Duty F350-F550 Chassis with the 6.8L gas engines, equipped with a Muncie FR67 Series PTO.

Muncie Power Products has recently become aware that the provided thermal blanket part number 49TK4860 can deteriorate over time and lose some of its thermal barrier properties. The thermal blanket manufacturer recommends that the blanket be considered a serviceable item needing regular maintenance requiring replacement should it show signs of deterioration. Depending on the equipment's operation and time in service, this could vary from vehicle to vehicle. Inspection during regular oil change intervals would be the best time to review its condition and replace as needed. We will continue to offer part number 49TK4860, thermal blanket, for the time being, but will also offer an enhanced, better performing heat shield: part number 49TK5533. This new heat shield will be included as the standard component for all FR67 PTO's effective 02/01/2014. Muncie Power Products recommends the 49TK5533 heat shield as the best solution for field replacement of a thermal blanket that has deteriorated and is in need of replacement.

We have also found that the pressure switch, part number 30T37594, can see high temperatures on this application that can cause the internal diaphragm to potentially become hard or even brittle versus when new. Should this occur, some transmission fluid could seep through the construction screw thread on the side of the switch body. It is Muncie's recommendation that the switch and tube assembly be replaced with kit part number 43TK5532. This kit contains a new switch with an alternative diaphragm material more suited to this particular application. In addition, the original steel tube is replaced with a high temperature hose assembly that allows the switch to be relocated further away from exhaust heat. Kit nunber 43TK5532 is available at no charge through our customer service department at 1-800-367-7867 upon your request. This new hose and switch combination has been shipping standard with the PTO assemblies since November 1, 2013.

Vocational trucks have many bolted joints and connections typically associated with the auxiliary power and hydraulic portion of the equipment. Truck Body Builders standard maintenance practices should always recommend periodic inspection for leaks and corrections. During the above described servicing, Muncie recommends inspection for any leaks that could cause fluids (engine, transmission, and hydraulic oils) to make contact with the exhaust system, and to make any appropriate repairs.

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During the course of your standard maintenance practice on the above, the hydraulic pump should be loosened from the PTO, and inspection of both the PTO and pump shaft seals for leaks should occur. Make appropriate repairs if needed.

The above combination of a thermal blanket with a deteriorated surface, and the possibility of the seepage of fluids, could result in the heat blanket material absorbing these fluids over time. Once again, we recommend you follow the Truck Body Builders standard maintenance practices with the inspection for leaks, proper replacement of service type items and making any needed corrections.

The PTO's for this application are under the following part numbers and would be applicable to the above recommendations. These PTO's have been shipped between August 2009 to June 1, 2013 (switch change), November 1, 2013 (hose change), and February 1, 2014 (heat shield change):

- FR67-F1506-F4*X
- FR67-F1506-G4*X
- FR67-F1506-X4*X
- FR67-F1506-Z4*X

Please note that none of the above parts or components are considered defective or in non-compliance to any original specifications, but have been enhanced to provide longer, more satisfactory service than the original items.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may create but we advise that you and/or your customers follow the recommendations as outlined.

If you have any questions or need additional support, please don't hesitate to contact us at 1-800-367-7867 or 765-284-7721.

Regards,

MUNCIE POWER PRODUCTS, INC.