PACCAR Inc

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Via email to cynthia.glass@dot.gov
Ms. Cynthia Glass
General Engineer, RMD
US DOT/NHTSA
1200 New Jersey Ave. SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Re: EQ 14-006

Dear Ms. Glass:

I write on behalf of PACCAR Parts Division, a division of PACCAR Inc., in response to the information request sent pursuant to EQ 14-006. The information request was dated May 30, 2014, over one year ago, but was forwarded to my attention earlier today. I apologize for the lengthy delay in responding.

The letter seeks information about 6 PTO pressure switches that PACCAR Parts purchased from Muncie Controls, Inc. Muncie and Altec initiated recall campaigns after discovering that oil could leak from the pressure switch onto a thermal blanket and create a risk of fire. PACCAR was asked to consider whether installation of the defective Muncie PTO pressure switches similarly compromised the safety of any Kenworth or Peterbilt trucks.

As an initial matter, PACCAR Parts Division is a reseller, not a vehicle manufacturer. PACCAR Parts sells parts to dealers; it does not distribute parts for use in manufacturing vehicles. In any event, PACCAR's two truck divisions, Kenworth and Peterbilt, do not have any installation in which a PTO pressure switch is positioned above or in proximity to a thermal blanket or other area of elevated temperature. In short, even if a defective PTO pressure switch were found in a PACCAR vehicle, there would be no fire hazard due to fundamental differences in design. For the foregoing reasons, PACCAR Parts does not intend to conduct a recall of these aftermarket parts.

Should you have any questions or wish to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

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