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NVS-215 – Rm. W48-331
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)
1200 New Jersey Ave. SE,
Washington, DC 20590

Subject: **NHTSA Equipment Query EQ15-003**

Ref: Certified Letter Dated 19 March 2015 – Jennifer Timian, Chief Recall Management Div.

Dear Ms. Glass:

New Flyer Industries Canada ULC and New Flyer of America Inc. (together “New Flyer”), has reviewed the referenced letter (which was addressed to our supplier, Interstate Assembly Systems), received at our Winnipeg offices on 13 April 2015 in regards to the subject Equipment Query.

After a full review of our warranty and consumer complaint data going back to 2007, New Flyer has determined that no similar issue or complaint has been reported.

Discussion with New Flyer engineering would indicate that even if the pulsations described in the Blue Bird recalls existed from the engine thermostat, they would not have any effect on the coolant lines in the passenger compartment of a New Flyer vehicle, as all coolant to the passenger compartment heaters is provided through a circulation pump (a.k.a. marine pump, boost pump, DV pump, or coolant pump depending upon which region of the US you are located) located within the engine compartment.

Pressure measurements taken downstream of the circulation pump are between 25 and 30 psi. This output pressure is well within the rated range of the hoses and pumping fixtures associated with the New Flyer HVAC systems. Therefore any failures (if they were to occur) due to engine coolant output pressure and/or pulsations from the thermostatic valve, would occur inside the engine compartment, and not create a threat to the vehicle passengers.

New Flyer is in therefore of the opinion, that there is no safety issue with the thermostatic valves incorporated on ISC07, ISC10 and ISL-G engines manufactured during this time period, and delivered to Interstate Assembly Systems for incorporation into New Flyer buses, which would warrant a recall.

Sincerely,
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