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September 3, 2004

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Mr. Kenneth Weinstein
Administration for Safety Assurance
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
400 Seventh St., S.W.
Washington, DC 20590

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Re: Safety Defect Report

Dear Mr. Weinstein:

On September 3, 2004, Fleetwood Enterprises, Inc. decided that a safety defect exists in motor homes as listed below and is furnishing this notification in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573 Defect and Noncompliance Reports.

The following is the information required by 49 CFR Part 573:

- This report was prepared on September 2, 2004.
- Fleetwood has assigned 40903 as an identification code to this recall.

- (1) The affected motor homes were manufactured by the following wholly owned subsidiary of Fleetwood Enterprises, Inc.

Fleetwood Motor Homes of Pennsylvania, Inc. #71
Route 487, R.F.D. #1 P.O. Drawer 5
Paxinos, Pennsylvania 17860

The agency should contact the following person with respect to this recall:

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- (2) The vehicles involved in this recall are 2004 Itasca Diesel brand class A motor homes manufactured from June 2, 2004 through June 11, 2004. The June 2, 2004 date coincides with a wire harness supplier change. The June 11, 2004 date coincides with the correct wire harness being placed into production. These motor homes were built with a Fleetwood identification number range of 735M57165660 through 735N57165714.
- (3) Fleetwood reports 18 as an approximate number of motor homes containing the safety defect.
- (4) Fleetwood estimates that 100% of the above motor homes contain the safety defect.
- (5) The safety defect that exists on the subject motor homes is that the brake lights will not illuminate considerably brighter than the taillight if the taillight is already on.
- (6) In July 2004, Fleetwood became aware of the safety defect when a Fleetwood associate questioned the performance of the lighting system.

Fleetwood is not aware of any accidents or injuries that have resulted from this safety defect.

- (7) Not applicable.
- (8) The recall remedy consists of repositioning contact terminals in the tail light assembly.

Fleetwood intends to conduct a dealer notification on September 13, 2004.

Fleetwood intends to conduct a customer notification on September 20, 2004.

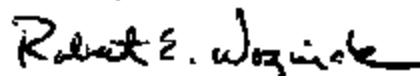
- (9) Copies of subsequent correspondence will be submitted to NHTSA within (5) days of transmittal. This correspondence will include:

- I) Letter of dealer notification
- II) Letter of customer notification
- III) Recall Service Bulletin

Drafts of the service bulletin and letters to dealers and owners will be forthcoming for your review.

If additional information is required, please contact myself.

Sincerely,



Robert E. Wozniak

Director of Engineering and Product Compliance
Recreational Vehicle Group