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LETTER OF NOTIFICATION

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Re: Defect Information Report FL-479, FCCC MT Stop Light Switch

Mr. Smith:

In accordance with Part 573 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Freightliner LLC herewith reports a safety campaign to recall approximately 3,300 Freightliner Custom Chassis Corporation MT 45/55 trucks manufactured June 8, 2005 through November 21, 2005 for a defect in the stop light switch installation.

Attached is Freightliner's Defect Information Report.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,

Timothy Blubaugh

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Enclosure

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Defect Information Report

(Section 573.6)

August 9, 2006

(c)(1) Manufacturer: Freightliner LLC
P.O. BOX 3849
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Brands: Freightliner Custom Chassis

(c)(2) Vehicle identification:

Model(s) affected: MT 45/55 chassis

Model Years affected: 2007

Manufacture Dates: June 8, 2005 through November 21, 2005

Basis for determining population: Vehicles manufactured during these dates with a specific brake pedal switch.

Component manufacturer if other than the vehicle manufacturer: n/a

(c)(3) Total number of vehicles potentially affected: 3,300

(c)(4) Percentage of vehicles estimated to contain the defect: 60%

(c)(5) Description of the defect: The stop lamps may be intermittent during light brake applications. The cruise control may not immediately deactivate when the service brakes are applied.

49CFR Section 577.5(f) Evaluation of the risk to motor vehicle safety: The stop lamps may not properly indicate that the service brakes are applied. The cruise control may not immediately deactivate when the service brakes are applied. Either condition may lead to a crash without prior warning.

(c)(6) Chronology of principal events: In June 2005, production changed to stop light switch 680 540 03 58 to address high failure rates. Field reports indicated an issue with the replacement switch causing the stop lamps to flicker or extinguish while the vehicle was still stopping. More such reports were received in April 2006. The issue is most likely on vehicles with switches at the higher end of the specified operating range of 15-20lbs. There have been no reported injuries or collisions.

(c)(7) Noncompliance-test or other data: N/A

(c)(8) Remedial program: Repairs will be performed by Freightliner dealerships and Direct Warranty customers. The switch will be replaced with one having a lower application load rating.

Estimated Owner Notification Date: Customer notification will be by first class mail using Freightliner records to determine the customers affected. This will be completed approximately October 10, 2006.

Reimbursement Plan: Copies will be submitted as a supplemental report when available.

(c) (9) Communications sent to dealers and owners: Copies will be submitted as a supplemental report when available.

(c) (10) Copy of proposed owner notification letter: A draft will be sent for ODI review when available.

(c) (11) Manufacturer's campaign number: FL-479