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January 6, 2011

Mr. Daniel C. Smith
Associate Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Re: Noncompliance Report

Dear Mr. Smith:

On January 3, 2011, Fleetwood RV, Inc., determined that a safety defect which relates to motor home vehicle safety exists in certain motor homes as listed below, and is furnishing notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration 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 January 6, 2011
 - Fleetwood RV has assigned 110103FRV as an identification code to this recall.
- (1) The affected motor homes were manufactured by the following wholly owned subsidiaries of Fleetwood RV, Inc.

Fleetwood RV, Inc. #44
1031 U.S. 224 E
Decatur, Indiana 46733

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

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National Warranty Manager
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- (2) The vehicles involved in the recall are certain Class A, model year 2010 and 2011 Southwind Model 35J, and model year 2010 Bounder Model 35J. These motor homes are identified, non-consecutively, as:

	<u>Serial Numbers</u>	<u>Manufactured Dates</u>
2010 Bounder	739JA4404125	11/10/2009
2010 Southwind	721JA4404996	2/2/2010
2011 Southwind	721JB4406634 through 721JB4407405	8/16/2010 through 11/19/2010

- (3) Fleetwood RV reports 11 as the number of model year 2010 and 2011 Bounder and Southwind Class A motor homes (35J Model only) with the safety defect.
- (4) Fleetwood RV estimates that 100% of the affected model year 2010 and 2011 Bounder and Southwind Class A motor homes (35J Model only) contain the safety defect.
- (5) On motor homes affected by this recall, the propane tank is installed near the rear upper leaf spring carrier bolt. The bolt may come into contact with the propane tank during transit, causing damage to the tank, which could lead to a propane gas leak and the potential for a fire.
- (6) Not applicable.
- (7) Fleetwood RV began an investigation in November 2010 when damaged propane tanks on two vehicles were reported by a dealership to Fleetwood RV.

Fleetwood RV is not aware of any accidents or injuries which have resulted from this noncompliance.

- (8) Fleetwood RV dealers will remove and inspect the propane tank and if necessary, replace the propane tank. The propane tank will be relocated and mounted inside the propane compartment in a revised location in order to avoid contact with the bolt.

- (9) Fleetwood RV intends to conduct a dealer notification by e-mail in January 2011.

Fleetwood RV intends to conduct a customer notification in January 2011.

Fleetwood RV does not foresee any problems with implementing this voluntary recall campaign.

- (10) Copies of subsequent correspondence will be submitted to the NHTSA within five (5) working days of distribution. This correspondence will include:

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

A draft of these documents will be forthcoming for your review. If additional information is required, please contact Joyce Geels who can be reached by phone at (260) 724-5795 or by e-mail at joyce.geels@fleetwoodrv.com.

Sincerely,



Craig S. Biazio
National Warranty Manager