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January 17, 2011

**VIA E-MAIL
RECEIPT CONFIRMATION REQUESTED**

Mr. Daniel Smith
Associate Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
Attn: Recall Management Division (NVS-215)
1200 New Jersey Ave. S.E.
Washington, DC 20590

Re: Keystone RV Company
Defect and Non-Compliance Report

Dear Mr. Smith:

Keystone RV Company ("Keystone") has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in the recreational vehicles listed below, and is furnishing notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573 Defect and Noncompliance Reports.

- A. Recall Population and Vehicle Identification. The recall population includes the following product brands manufactured by Keystone.

<u>Product Brand</u>	<u>Number of Vehicles</u>
2010 - 2011 Montana Model 3850RL Fifth Wheels Production Dates: 8/7/2009 – 12/16/2010 VIN Ranges: 2010 4YDF35823A4702325 2011 4YDF35824B4700536 - 4YDF35820B4702543	
2009 - 2011 Montana Big Sky Model 385RLT Fifth Wheels Production Dates: 10/23/2008 – 9/8/2010 VIN Ranges: 2009 4YDF3582994710165 - 4YDF3582794710195 2010 4YDF35824A4710000 - 4YDF35827A4710119 2011 4YDF35822B4710000 - 4YDF35820B4710013	

The total number of vehicles subject to this recall campaign is:

258

- B. Description of Defect. It has been decided the propane hose for the slide room may contact the tire and may become damaged as a result. A propane leak, in the presence of an ignition source, could result in a fire and/or explosion causing property damage and/or personal injury.
- C. Basis for Determining that a Defect Exists. The problem was discovered from warranty claims. A total of 9 claims have been received, no reports of personal injuries or vehicle crashes were reported. All models included that were manufactured up till the concern was discovered are included in the recall population.
- D. Remedying of Defect. The remedy is to install a metal plate to prevent the propane line from coming into contact with the tire.
- E. Owner Notifications. Keystone will notify the owners of the recreational vehicles by letter beginning on January 2011 pending NHTSA approval. A final copy of the owner letter will also be provided to NHTSA, along with the dealer repair procedures.
- F. Quarterly Reporting Requirements. Keystone will be filing quarterly reports in connection with this recall campaign.
- G. Campaign Number. Keystone's identification code for this recall is 11-160.

If you need any additional information regarding this recall campaign, please feel free to contact me at 574-537-3925.

Sincerely,

Garett Carolus
Keystone RV Company
Technical Manager