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National Highway Traffic Safety Administration  
1200 New Jersey Ave SE  
Washington, D.C. 20590

Re: **Dead Axle Tandem with Parking Brakes on Rear-Rear Axle**  
**Kenworth Recall No.: 14KWE**

Dear Ms. Timian:

Pursuant to 49 C.F.R. Part 573, PACCAR Inc hereby provides notice to NHTSA of its intention to voluntarily recall the affected population of vehicles identified below. This recall involves vehicles manufactured by the Kenworth Truck Company, a division of PACCAR Inc.

**Manufacturer - 573.6(c)(1)**

Kenworth Truck Company  
10630 NE 38th Pl.  
Kirkland, WA 98033

**Identification of Vehicles Potentially Containing Defect - 573.6(c)(2)(ii)**

The vehicles that may potentially contain the defect are model year 2013 and 2014 Kenworth T660 and T680 vehicles that were manufactured between December 4, 2012 and September 17, 2013.

**Total Number of Vehicles Potentially Containing Defect - 573.6(c)(3)**

The recall affects a total of 86 vehicles, all of which are registered in the United States.

**Percentage of Vehicles Estimated to Contain Defect - 573.6(c)(4)**

All of the affected vehicles are estimated to contain the defect.

**Description of the Defect - 573.6(c)(5)**

The parking brake was incorrectly placed on the non-driven, rear-rear axle in certain vehicles. Affected vehicles are those built with a combination of a dead axle tandem with air disc brakes and spring brake delete options. For these vehicles, the correct location for the parking brake is on the forward rear axle.

Consequence: Having the park brake on the non-driven axle can cause a vehicle to roll away when the park brakes are set and the air suspension is deflated on the rear-rear dead axle.

**Chronology of Events Leading to Recall – 573.6(c)(6)**

On December 4, 2013, Kenworth was notified by a customer that the park brakes were installed in the rear-rear dead axle instead of the forward rear drive axle.

On December 5, 2013, Kenworth initiated an investigation to identify the options associated with this issue and to identify the chassis containing the potential defect.

On December 6, 2013, Kenworth implemented corrective actions to prevent future occurrences of this issue.

On January 23, 2014, Kenworth’s Safety Committee decided that the issue constituted a safety-related defect and a recall should be initiated.

Kenworth is not aware of any accidents or injuries related to the subject matter of this recall.

**Description of Remedy - 573.6(c)(8)**

Kenworth will notify customers and dealers will remedy the issue, free of charge, by moving the park brake components from the rear-rear dead axle to the forward-rear drive axle.

**Communications Sent to Dealers and Owners – 573.6(c)(10)**

Subject to NHTSA approval, a customer letter will be sent within 30 days.

**Identification of Manufacturer’s Campaign Number - 573.6(c)(11)**

The Kenworth number for this campaign is “14KWE.”

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Very truly yours,

s/Pamela S. Tonglao

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PACCAR Inc