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RE: *Gulf Stream Coach, Inc. Initial Recall # 14AM213*

Dear Ms. Glass:

Pursuant to Part 573 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Defect and Non-Compliance Reports, Gulf Stream Coach, Inc. ("GSCI") submits the following information concerning a potential non-compliance, our **Initial Recall Report**.

GSCI is conducting a voluntary recall involving certain model year 2011 GT GulfTran Shuttle Buses built in our Nappanee, Indiana manufacturing facilities.

573.6 (c)(2) – Potentially Affected Vehicles

Certain model year 2011 GulfTran shuttle buses manufactured in Nappanee, Indiana facility between August 31, 2009 and October 22, 2010, both dates inclusive.

573.6 (c)(3) – Estimated Population of Vehicles Potentially Affected

(8) Eight

573.6 (c)(4) – Estimated Percentage of Affected Vehicles with the Condition

(8) Eight

573.6 (c) (5) – Description of the Noncompliance

A & M Systems, Inc, the manufacture of certain electric door actuator PC boards, model number 3230 PC board, manufactured from August 1, 2009, through March 31, 2010 were identified as potentially having a defect in the PC boards sold to GulfTrans, LLC. Anomalies such as voltage spikes may damage electrical components and electrical circuits, causing the circuit board to develop high resistance and potential thermal condition. High resistance may cause the circuit board to overheat, increasing the risk of fire.

573.6 (c) (7) – Basis for Non-Compliance

GulfTran, LLC. was made aware of the potential safety issue through recent contact by The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA), Office of Defects Investigation (ODI), Recall Management Division (RMD) who assigned the investigation number EQ 14-003. A & M reported to NHTSA that their company had sold (8) eight defective PC boards to GulfTran, LLC. for possible installation into GulfTran buses. GulfTran subsequently manufactured (7) seven shuttle buses which may have suspect PC boards installed; with the 8th PC board was subsequently sold as a backup replacement part to a single dealer who purchased two GulfTran shuttle buses.

573.6 (c) (8) – Service Program

GSCI will provide detailed data base of potentially affected GulfTran Shuttle Buses to A & M Systems with contact information for known owners of record. Owner's will be notified by way of letter and will be directed to contact A & M for inspection and replacement parts for PC boards identified as being defective. The owners will then be instructed by A & M Systems on how to obtain necessary replacement PC boards, along with detailed instructions on how to either make the necessary replacement or how to obtain additional assistance if needed in completing the replacement repair free of charge.

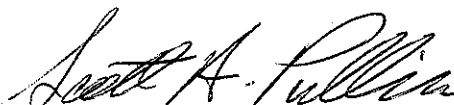
573.6 (c) (10) – Press Statement and Dealer/Owner Letters

At this time, GSCI has no plan to make a public statement concerning the subject matter. A copy of the notification letters to dealers and owners from GSCI will be forwarded when available.

573.6 (c)(11) – Recall Number

GSCI has assigned recall number **14AM213** to this action.

Sincerely,
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