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August 27, 2012

Associate Administrator for Enforcement National Highway Traffic Safety Administration U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE Washington, DC 20590 Attn: Recall Management Division (NVS-215)

Subject: Defect and Non-Compliance Report

Dear Sir or Madam:

Pursuant to 49 CFR part 573, Heartland Recreational Vehicles (Heartland) 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. Specific Information is listed below:

1. <u>Recall Population and Vehicle Identification</u>. Listed are the product brands manufactured by Heartland included in the recall.

2011 Elkridge Fifth wheel Models: 34QSRL Production Date: 02/15/2011 VIN Range: 5SFRG3728BE Number of vehicles 1

2012 Elkridge Fifth wheel Models: 34QSRL Production Date: 05/19/2011 VIN Range: 5SFRG3729CE Number of vehicles 1

2012 Bighorn Silverado Fifth wheel Models: 37QB, Production Date: 11/07/2011 VIN Range: 5SFBG4122CE Number of vehicles 1 2013 Bighorn Silverado Fifth wheel Models: 37QB, 36TB Production Date: 06/12/2012 – 08/17/2012 VIN Range: 5SFBG392XDE to 5SFBG392XDE Number of vehicles 4

The total number of vehicles included in this recall is: 7

2. Description of Defect.

Certain Heartland Elkridge and Silverado Recreational Vehicles manufactured with LP generators may have had the LP supply line connected incorrectly to the generator. This connection can allow the generator to vent LP into the generator compartment.

3. Basis for Determining that a Defect Exists.

Inspection and discovery based on complaint received from a dealer on 8/17/12.

4. <u>Remedy for Defect.</u>

Inspection to determine if the LP supply line is connected to the LP cleanout line on the generator, if it is than to reconnect to correct fitting and plug the cleanout.

5. Owner Notification.

An owner notification letter is attached for approval. The notifications will begin shortly after approval.

6. <u>Quarterly Reporting Requirements.</u> Heartland will be filling quarterly reports in connection with this recall.

7. Campaign Number.

Heartland's identification number in connection with this recall is 99-01-09

If you need additional information regarding Heartland's participation in this recall please feel free to contact David Partin at 574-262-8030 ext 1103.

Respectfully

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