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DEFECTS INVESTIGATION

PACCAR Inc.
Law Department

December 1, 1999

99-082.002

Associate Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
400 Seventh Street SW
Washington, D.C. 20590

Re: Meritor Q-Plus Brakes Recall

Dear Sir or Madam:

On November 18, 1999, PACCAR Inc was notified by Meritor Automotive, Inc. that a defect exists which does not satisfy the requirements of S5.4.3 (Brake Recovery) of FMVSS-121 in the Kenworth Truck Company vehicles described below, and is furnishing notification to the NHTSA in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573 "Defects and Noncompliance Reports."

Description of the Non-Compliance

Meritor discovered that its 15" diameter Q-Plus cam actuated brake equipped with Federal-Mogul Friction Products' 3030-197 brake lining do not consistently satisfy the dynamometer performance requirements. The forty-five vehicles involved will demonstrate the required deceleration performance, but may exceed the allowable 85 psi pressure required for the brake recovery phase of the test. There are no Peterbilt vehicles involved in this recall.

The supplier of the suspect part is:

Meritor Automotive, Inc.
2135 West Maple Road
Troy, MI 48084

Identification of Affected Vehicles

The vehicles involved in the subject recall are those identified in a search of manufacturing records and are:

- Kenworth vehicles which were manufactured between January 1 and September 30, 1999.
- Kenworth determined the recall population is comprised of 45 vehicles.

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Chronology of Events Leading to Recall

Meritor notified Kenworth of the non-compliance on November 18, 1999. Pursuant to this notification, the Kenworth Safety Committee decided on November 23, 1999 to conduct a recall of all affected vehicles.

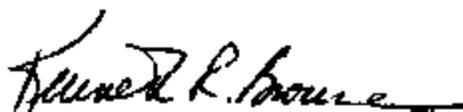
Description of Remedy

The brakes on the vehicles involved will be inspected and replaced at an authorized Kenworth dealership.

Identification of Recall Schedule

PACCAR anticipates that the owner notification campaign will be initiated within 30 days. The Kenworth number for the campaign is "99KW05".

Very truly yours,



Kenneth R. Brownstein
Senior Counsel

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