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Associate Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
Attention: Recall Management Division (NVS-215)
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Re: Safety Recalls EQ 13-004, 13E-019
EverGreen Recreational Vehicles, LLC
Defect and Noncompliance Information Report

Dear Associate Administrator:

Our firm is general counsel for EverGreen Recreational Vehicles, LLC ("EverGreen"), 10758 County Road 2, Middlebury, Indiana 46540. This initial report is in response to the notification received on June 21, 2013 from your office concerning the safety recall campaign filed by Dometic Corporation ("Dometic") relating to the potential safety problem in the WeatherPro motor powered awnings and the 9100 Power Awnings manufactured by Dometic (Investigation No. EQ 13-004, Recall No. 13E-019). EverGreen has determined that it purchased 99 of these defective units from Dometic.

Pursuant to Part 573 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, EverGreen is hereby notifying the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration that certain fifth wheel trailers manufactured by EverGreen contain the defective motor powered awnings manufactured by Dometic, which constitutes a defect related to motor vehicle safety.

- A. Recall Population and Vehicle Identification. The motor powered awnings that are subject to this recall campaign are identified by Dometic in Recall Campaign No. 13E-019. EverGreen has confirmed that Dometic sold 99 of these defective awnings to EverGreen. Of these 99 defective units, 42 of the defective units were installed on fifth wheel trailers exported to Canada and Australia, 12 defective units were returned to Dometic, 10 defective units were repaired by Dometic prior to installation on EverGreen's fifth wheel trailers, and 1 defective unit was destroyed. As a result, there are 34 defective units installed on fifth wheel trailers currently in the possession of

EverGreen's dealers and retail owners throughout the United States that are subject to this recall campaign.

The defective motor powered awnings have been installed by EverGreen on certain 2013 Bay Hill fifth wheel trailers that were manufactured by EverGreen during the period from March 13, 2013, through April 25, 2013.

- B. Description of Defect. All of the Bay Hill fifth wheel trailers that will be identified as part of this recall campaign contain the defective motor powered awnings identified by Dometic in Recall Campaign No. 13E-019.
- C. Basis for Determining that a Defect Exists. EverGreen received notification from Dometic that certain motor powered awnings sold to EverGreen may contain a safety-related defect. Upon receipt of this notice from Dometic, EverGreen determined that various 2013 Bay Hill fifth wheel trailers manufactured by EverGreen contain the defective motor powered awnings that are subject to Recall Campaign No. 13E-019. EverGreen has subsequently identified each of the 34 fifth wheel trailers sold in the United States that contain the defective motor powered awnings.
- D. Remedying of Defect. The program to be implemented by EverGreen to remedy the defect will include notification to all EverGreen dealers that may have any 2013 Bay Hill fifth wheel trailers containing the defective motor powered awnings in their inventory and notification to all registered owners of the 2013 Bay Hill fifth wheel trailers containing the defective motor powered awnings. The remedy will consist of replacing the defective motor assemblies on the awnings with new motor assemblies provided by Dometic at no charge to the dealer or the registered owner. EverGreen is currently working on the procedures to be utilized in order to provide for the replacement of the defective motor assemblies. EverGreen will provide NHTSA with additional details regarding these procedures in a follow-up report that EverGreen anticipates filing with NHTSA no later than July 19, 2013.
- E. Dealer and Owner Notifications. Notification letters shall be provided to EverGreen's dealers and to the registered owners of the 2013 Bay Hill fifth wheel trailers that are subject to this recall campaign. At this time, EverGreen is preparing the necessary dealer notifications and owner notifications. EverGreen will provide NHTSA with a representative copy of all such notices in the follow-up report to be filed later this month.

At this time, EverGreen estimates that it will begin sending the dealer notifications and the owner notifications on or before July 19, 2013, and that all of such notifications shall be completed on or before July 31, 2013.

- F. Campaign Number. EverGreen does not have an internal campaign number for this recall. EverGreen will use the recall campaign number assigned by NHTSA.

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If you need any additional information regarding this recall campaign, please feel free to contact me. Otherwise, EverGreen will file a follow-up report with NHTSA containing the information necessary to complete this Defect and Noncompliance Information Report.

Very truly yours,



Daniel A. Bensman

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cc: Evergreen Recreational Vehicles, LLC

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