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**Subject:** Fwd: Re: [Transit-Vancouver] Couple of D60LF questions

--- In Transit-Vancouver@yahoogroups.com, John Wollenzin <wollenzin@t...> wrote:  
On 11/13/04, Evgeni Stojkowski formed the correct sequence of 1s and 0s to state:  
>Secondly, there's something I've wondered about for a while. As you  
>know, 8010 has a Balios LED destination sign, when all of the others in  
>its class (8001-8009, 8011-8021) were delivered with a Luminator green  
>sign. What's the story behind that?

That was a test coach for the Balios sign. The next year, due to overwhelming positive response all coaches were ordered with the Balios LED signs. At that time, Balios was the only company making LED signs. Now all destination sign manufacturers make LED signs. The Balios signs have not been reliable and parts have been hard to come by as Balios was having financial difficulties. Balios would also not permit its software to be modified for use with the Cubic farebox. CMBC was able to alter the programming, but Balios threatened to sue as CMBC did not have permission to alter the software. For these reasons, CMBC is now going back to Luminator signs for subsequent orders. All the Comm Buses have Luminator LED signs and the new trolleys will as well.

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