

# LOUISIANA SALES AND USE TAX COMMISSION FOR REMOTE SELLERS

## Minutes of October 10, 2019 Meeting

- I. **Call to Order/Roll Call** - The meeting of the Louisiana Sales and Use Tax Commission for Remote Sellers was called to order at 10:04 AM by Chairman Theriot. A quorum was established with six of the eight members being in attendance. Jeffrey LaGrange and Amber Hymel were absent. Members present were:
  1. Jeanine Theriot (ULSTB)
  2. Kimberly Robinson (LDR)
  3. Vanessa LaFleur (LDR)
  4. Darlene Allen (LDR)
  5. Kelli Jumper (LDR)
  6. Kressynda Krennerich (ULSTB)
  
- II. **Approval of Meeting Minutes from September 12, 2019**
  - A motion was made to approve the meeting minutes from the meeting of September 12, 2019 by Ms. Allen and seconded by Ms. LaFleur. The minutes were unanimously approved without corrections.
  
- III. **Update on Direct Marketer Registrations by LDR**
  - As of the date of the meeting, 1,577 direct marketer applications have been approved to file as direct marketers.
  
- IV. **Discussion Items:**
  - A. **Amendment to Remote Sellers Information Bulletin 18-002**
    - Members were provided with a copy of the RSIB 18-002 suggested amendment. Mr. Morris proposed adding a footnote to notate that Form R-1031, the Direct Marketer Return, and R-1031A, the Application to file as a Direct Marketer, are now available for electronic filing through the Department of Revenue's LaTAP system. Secretary Robinson proposed that the actual language be updated in the Bulletin and the footnote note reflect the change.
    - A motion was made by Ms. Robinson and seconded by Ms. Jumper to accept the updated language and post to the Commission webpage. There was no opposition from members. Mr. Morris will make the change and the updated Bulletin will be posted on the Commission webpage.
  - B. **Remote Sellers Commission Return**
    - Chairman Theriot asked to revisit the Return and shared the need for a column for food and drugs on the return. Secretary Robinson answered that the return was conceptually approved at a prior meeting with the

understanding that as the return is developed for the software vendors that columns would be subject to changes. No other discussion was had.

**V. Other Business**

- Chairman Theriot provided a preliminary agenda for the Implementation of the Remote Sellers Tax Return and Remittance Program to Commission members and meeting attendees. The document provides a proposed timeline of tasks necessary to be completed by the Commission in order to have a system available for July 2020 and approved Direct Marketers to begin filing returns with the Commission.
- Secretary Robinson added that the approval for the bank accounts, scheduled for March 2020, to be obtained for the Commission will be on the agenda of the next Cash Management Review Board on October 17<sup>th</sup>. Also the adoption of a budget, scheduled for January 2020, will have to be pushed back to Fall 2020 when budget for 2021 is being developed due to no funding for the Commission at this time.
- Mr. Morris announced that the Notices of Intent discussed at the September meeting of the Commission has been sent to the Register for posting and the public hearing is set for November 26, 2019.
- Secretary Robinson also gave an update on meetings that have taken place to discuss the needs of a system for the Commission. Chairman Theriot has attended a couple of meetings with LDR staff to discuss vendors already under contract with the State. Another meeting is scheduled in the coming weeks to determine the flow process and needs from local governments for the system and also estimates of costs.

**VI. Public Comment**

- There was no public comment.

**VII. Adjournment**

- The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:37 AM.