

# LOUISIANA SALES AND USE TAX COMMISSION FOR REMOTE SELLERS

## Minutes of September 10, 2020 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 11:04 AM by Chairman Allen. A quorum was established with seven of the eight members in attendance. Members present were:
1. Darlene Allen (LDR)
  2. Jeffery LaGrange (ULSTB)
  3. Kimberly Robinson
  4. Kressynda Krennerich (ULSTB)
  5. Vanessa LaFleur (LDR)
  6. Amanda Granier
  7. Kelli Jumper (LDR)
- II. **Approval of Meeting Minutes from August 14, 2020**
- After review of the minutes, a motion was made to approve the meeting minutes from the meeting of July 9, 2020 by Ms. Krennerich and seconded by Mr. LaGrange. The minutes were unanimously approved without corrections.
- III. **Update on Direct Marketer/Remote Seller Registrations by LDR**
- As of the date of the meeting, Ms. Jumper stated that there are 2,653 active direct marketer registrations. These numbers are expected to continue to decline as new registrations for remote sellers are received.
  - Ms. Jumper reported that there are currently 1,436 remote seller active registrations, including the 732 accounts converted into the Commission's system.
- IV. **Discussion Items:**
- A. Remote Sellers Commission Website and Filing Portal Update**
- Chairman Allen stated that since going live on July 1<sup>st</sup>, the website and filing portal has been performing well. Occasional support calls are received but overall the site is progressing without problem.
- B. Remote Sellers Commission Return/Collection Update**
- Chairman Allen stated that the return is continuing to be developed such as filing of amended returns, debt and credits. A weekly meetings are still being had with the software developer to work on those features.

**C. Act 216 of 2020 Regular Session, LA R.S. 47:302(V)(2)**

- Chairman Allen gave a brief overview of Act 216.
- Bill Backstrom of Jones Walker submitted comments to the Commission with regard to 47:302(V), particularly dot com businesses. He stated that his firm has been receiving a steady stream of calls regarding this section of the legislation and asked that the Commission issue guidance on this. Ms. Allen asked for additional time to review Mr. Backstrom's comments and the Commission will develop guidance to be issued and follow up at its next meeting.

**V. Report from Executive Director**

**A. Distribution Report**

- Ms. Roberie was introduced to the members and audience.
- The Commission received 522 returns and collected \$20,800,162.46. \$20,446,618 will be distributed to the state and local jurisdictions. September is the first actual month collection is required with the Commission so the Commission expects to see collections continue to increase.
- Leonore Heavey stated that she has received a few constituent calls regarding sales tax being charged on the shipping fees. Ms. Heavey was asked to forward any calls or concerns to the Commission or Ms. Roberie.

**B. Budget**

- Ms. Roberie will meet with the LDR budget staff in the next week as well as with the state budget office and will have more information at the next meeting.

**VI. Other Business**

- No other business was discussed.

**VII. Public Comment**

- There was no further public comment.

**VIII. Adjournment**

- With a motion by Ms. Granier and second by Ms. Jumper, Chairman Allen declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 11:27 AM.