

UELRR Advisory Committee Meeting

Meeting of November 14, 2019

MINUTES

The UELRR Advisory Committee met Thursday, November 14, 2019 at 10:00 AM., at the Louisiana Department of Revenue.

- 1.) Chairman Ruppert declared the meeting duly convened at approximately 10:04 AM.
- 2.) Committee Members present were: Chairman Gregory Ruppert, Danell Gerchow (LDR), Melanie David and Kristin Harrell. Roy Austin was absent. Mr. Ruppert announced Ms. Kristin Harrell as the new representative for the Louisiana Retailers Association and Louisiana Association of Business and Industry.
- 3.) A motion was made by member Danell Gerchow to adopt the agenda and seconded by Melanie David. With no opposition from committee members the agenda was adopted.
- 4.) Melanie David made a motion to adopt the minutes from the Advisory Committee meeting of August 8, 2019 which was seconded by Danell Gerchow. With no opposition or corrections from members and no public comment, the minutes were adopted without corrections.

The following agenda items were discussed by the committee:

5.) Current Operations/Statistics as of October 31, 2019

- Collections as of April end were \$ 219.2 million and 170K returns filed.
- Total Collections to date are \$ 19.1 billion with over 11.7 million returns filed since inception of the program.

6.) Review of Issues or Comments relating to Parish E-File System

- Committee members were provided updated documents of current outstanding issues, requests that have been approved for work and issues resolved as of the date of the meeting.
- A request was submitted to the committee for review and consideration. The request is to not allow taxpayers to enter food and drug tax deduction greater than the line 15 total taxable sales. The suggestion is to add a message stating that line 16A cannot exceed the amount on line 15 and to please correct to continue. After discussion with AvenuInsights it was determined that each parish would have to request the change. If other parishes would like to add the enhancement there can be a supplement to this change order to add them. A motion was made by Danell Gerchow and seconded by Melanie David to approve and forward to Secretary Robinson for final approval of the enhancement. With no opposition the request will be forwarded to Secretary Robinson for approval.

7.) Update from AvenuInsights regarding the flagging of returns with negative numbers

- George Harris with AvenuInsights proposed returns with negative numbers in any column or if the return itself reports a negative amount due be batched separately which would create another category of returns to differentiate negative returns. The negative batches would then have to be reviewed individually. Kressy Krennerich asked if there is any way for the taxpayer to be flagged and require documentation to be provided. Mr. Harris answered that a comment filed could be added for a description or comment of negative fields. Mr. Harris also stated that there is currently a field on the system form but it is not enforced and will check on what it would take to make it required and get back to committee members. Another category for negative returns would also need to be created.

8.) Other Business

- Luke Morris with LDR announced that a Notice of Intent (NOI) on Validation and Notice of Local Taxing Authority Sales and Use Tax Exemptions and Exclusions had been published and there was a public hearing held on September 25, 2019. A copy of the NOI and comments was provided to members. Two comments were received from the Louisiana Society of Certified Public Accounts. The Department of Revenue proposed a revision to Section E regarding the notification method. The revision considers adding a sentence stating that the advisory committee may rely on the information provided by the central collector in and for the local taxing authority's parish in the event the local taxing authority does not provide notice in the manner set forth in subsections D and E. A motion was made by Danell Gerchow and seconded by Kristin Harrell to accept the suggested revision. The revision will be made and another public hearing will not be needed. With no opposition or public comment the NOI will be finalized and should be published in the December Register.

9.) Public Comment

- No public comment

10.) Next Meeting Date

- The date of the next meeting is scheduled for February 13, 2020 at 10:00 AM.

11.) Adjournment

- There being no further agenda items or public comment Danell Gerchow made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Kristin Harrell seconded. With no opposition Chairman Ruppert declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 10:41 A.M.

Respectfully submitted by:

Gregory Ruppert, Chairman

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