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ADOR Launches New Internet Service for Alabama Motor Carriers

Montgomery—Alabama-based motor carriers renewing their 2006 International Fuel Tax Agreement (IFTA) licenses can now renew their licenses over the Internet, ADOR Commissioner Tom Surtees announced recently.

The ADOR notified Alabama-based carriers in November about the new electronic service that would be available in December 2005 and provided carriers with passwords and instructions on how to access the ADOR Website to renew their IFTA licenses electronically. To date, hundreds of motor carriers have taken advantage of this service. Based on the results of the electronic IFTA quarterly tax filing program, the department estimates that over 20% of Alabama-based motor carriers will utilize the online IFTA license renewal program.

Approximately 4,500 Alabama-based motor carriers renew their IFTA licenses during the IFTA license renewal period of December through February. Although the 2005 IFTA licenses expired Dec. 31, 2005, carriers renewing their IFTA licenses have a two-month grace period (January and February) to display their 2006 IFTA licenses and decals. Motor carriers using the online application process can receive their IFTA licenses and decals within days of submitting their requests, compared to mailed-in application requests which take several weeks to process.

The online license renewal program also offers the convenience of electronic payments. The department utilizes Official Payments Corporation (OPC) to process electronic payments (credit card or e-check.) The charge

customer pays a 2.5% convenience fee for using the credit card payment service. The fee is paid directly to Official Payments Corporation based on the license cost. The state receives no part of the convenience fee.

“Over the last several years, the ADOR has diligently worked to expand its electronic services to individual and business taxpayers. The online IFTA license renewal program allows us to offer another group of business taxpayers all the advantages and conveniences of an electronic filing environment,” said Surtees.

For more information concerning Motor Carrier E-filing services, taxpayers should contact the department’s Motor Carrier Services office at (334) 242-2999 or visit the department’s Web site at www.revenue.alabama.gov.

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