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## ADOR Launches New E-filing Service for Alabama Motor Carriers

*Montgomery*—Alabama-based motor carriers filing International Fuel Tax Agreement (IFTA) tax returns can now file their quarterly fuel tax returns over the Internet, ADOR Commissioner Tom Surtees announced recently.

The IFTA E-file service, developed by the ADOR in cooperation with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration and the Alabama Trucking Association, is a free, secure tax-filing service available to Alabama-based motor carriers filing quarterly fuel tax returns.

The ADOR notified Alabama-based carriers in December about the new electronic service that would be available in January and provided carriers with passwords and instructions on how to access the ADOR Web site to file their returns electronically.

The first IFTA return that can be filed electronically by Alabama-based carriers will be the fourth quarter return, due Jan. 31, 2005, which covers the activity periods October 1 through December 31, 2004.

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

The IFTA E-file service is available at no charge and will automatically perform all calculations needed to compute a carrier’s fuel use tax liability or credit any IFTA-member jurisdiction through which the carrier’s vehicle(s) traveled. To e-file their IFTA returns, taxpayers simply go to ADOR’s Web site at [www.ador.state.al.us](http://www.ador.state.al.us) and select E-Services and IFTA E-file. Prompts will then guide taxpayers through the filing process. Payment for e-filed returns will be made using a payment voucher that can be printed when the return is electronically filed. The IFTA E-file program also allows taxpayers to print a copy of their electronically-filed return to retain for their personal records. But

even more important for many taxpayers, the IFTA e-file program will provide them with an acknowledgement that their returns have been received by the ADOR for processing.

“The IFTA E-file program is not mandatory, but we do encourage our Alabama-based motor carriers to take advantage of this free, convenient filing service. However, the ADOR will continue to mail IFTA returns to taxpayers each quarter,” said Surtees.

Approximately 4,500 Alabama-based motor carriers file IFTA returns on a quarterly basis. Quarterly returns are due Jan. 31, April 30, July 31, and October 31 each year for the preceding three-month period.

For more information concerning the IFTA 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.ador.state.al.us](http://www.ador.state.al.us).

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