GIL 1-14-2 Sales and Use Tax: Internet Tax Freedom Act Expiration

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Dear XXXX:

This correspondence is in response to your August 8, 2014 letter regarding the Internet Tax Freedom Act. Based upon the nature of your request, we are providing this General Information Letter (GIL). This GIL will be published on the Nebraska Department of Revenue's (Department) website with all identifying taxpayer information redacted.

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Your letter requests the issuance of an expedited, short-term administrative guide that will inform taxpayers purchasing or providing Internet access (IA), as defined in § 1105(5) of the Internet Tax Freedom Act, that should the current moratorium on state taxation of charges for IA expire, no changes will be required in the taxes collected or remitted with respect to the taxation of IA. You request that this guidance be issued no later than September 14, 2014, and that it remains in effect until the moratorium is reinstated or for at least 60 days after any subsequent, pre-reinstatement public notice of the withdrawal of this guidance.

Nebraska law imposes sales and use tax on specific enumerated services which are defined in Nebraska does not impose sales and use tax on charges for Internet access as currently defined in federal law. I have enclosed a copy of Nebraska's responses to a recent survey conducted by the Streamlined Sales Tax Governing Board.

FOR THE TAX COMMISSIONER

Sincerely,

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