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STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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DOCKET NUMBER 0709-C-139-L (Complaint No. LV09-1307-102)

RE: IN THE MATTER OF THE CITATION OF TORO, MIGUEL M. DBA STAR LIMOUSINE SERVICE.

Final Decision

April 9, 2008

I. <u>INTRODUCTION</u>

A. Background

By citation dated March 1, 2008, issued by the Department of Transportation (hereinafter "department"), pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-103, as amended, Toro, Miguel M. dba Star Limousine Service (hereinafter "respondent), holder of Livery Permit Number 2774, was ordered to come before the department to answer allegations made therein.

Pursuant to said citation, the respondent was directed to appear at the Newington office of the Department of Transportation to show cause why Permit Number 2774, for the registration of interstate authority, should not be suspended or revoked or a civil penalty imposed for violation of Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-102, et seq. for failure to provide proof of mandatory public service insurance, as required by Connecticut General Statutes Section 14-29(a), thereby violating the terms of the respondent's permit.

The citation was served upon the respondent by first class and certified mail at the respondent's mailing address of record and recited the department's reasons for issuing same.

B. Hearing

Pursuant to Section 13b-103 and 4-182(c) of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, the public hearing for this citation was held on April 1, 2008.

Notice of the citation and of the hearing to be held thereon was given to the respondent and to such other parties as required by General Statutes Section 13b-103, as amended.

The hearing on this matter was conducted by a hearing officer designated by the Commissioner of Transportation, pursuant to Section 13b-17 of the General Statutes.

C. Appearances

The respondent failed to appear at this hearing. The respondent's mailing address is P.O. Box 15336, Stamford, CT 06901.

Eugene Morris, public transit inspector with the Regulatory and Compliance Unit of the Department of Transportation, was the department's witness in the matter.

II. FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. The respondent is holder of Livery Permit Number 2774 and is authorized to operate motor vehicles in interstate livery service from a headquarters in Greenwich.
- 2. On August 21, 2007, the Regulatory and Compliance Unit received from the Department of Motor Vehicles a Notice of Cancellation of the respondent's marker plates for failure to file proof of insurance.
- 3. On September 17, 2007, Morris sent by certified mail a notice of investigation to the respondent's mailing address of record.
- 4. The letter Morris sent to the respondent was returned by the United States Post Office with a note on the envelope indicating "Return to Sender Not Deliverable as Addressed Unable to Forward."
- 5. The Notice of Citation was returned to the department by the United States Post Office with a notation on the envelope indicating "Return to Sender Not Deliverable as Addressed Unable to Forward."
- 6. The respondent has not contacted the Department of Transportation regarding this matter.
- 7. The respondent failed to appear at the hearing. The respondent's mailing address is P.O. Box, Stamford, CT 06905.

III. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Department of Transportation has jurisdiction over matters pertaining to the operation of motor vehicles in livery service in the State of Connecticut accordance with Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-102, as amended.

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-103 the department may amend, or for sufficient cause suspend or revoke any such permit. Further, the department may impose a civil penalty on any person who violates any provision of the governing chapter or any regulation adopted under Section 13b-102 through 13b-109, as amended, with respect to fares, service, operation or equipment, in an amount not to exceed one thousand dollars per day for each violation.

The respondent failed to provide proof of insurance, in violation of Connecticut General Statutes Section 14-29(a). As a result, the respondent is in violation of its permit, issued pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-102 et seq. As it appears that the respondent either has no interest in its permit or is no longer in business, its permit will be revoked.

IV. ORDER

Based on the above, livery Permit Number 2774, standing in the name of Toro, Miguel M. dba Star Limousine Service, is hereby revoked.

Dated at Newington, Connecticut on this the 9th day of April, 2008.

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