

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



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DOCKET NUMBER 1002-C-07-HG

RE: IN THE MATTER OF THE CITATION OF P.J. MURPHY MOVING AND STORAGE CO, INC.

Final Decision

March 25, 2010

I. <u>INTRODUCTION</u>

A. General

By citation dated February 19, 2010, by the Department of Transportation (hereinafter "Department"), pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-407, as amended, P.J. Murphy Moving and Storage Co., Inc. (hereinafter "respondent"), holder of Certificate Number 274, was ordered to come before the Department to answer the 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 Certificate Number 274, issued for the operation of a household goods motor carrier, should not be suspended or revoked or a civil penalty imposed for violation of its household certificate pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-410.

More specifically, it is alleged that on December 31, 2009, the certificate holder failed to file a 2010 annual intrastate permit fee for each vehicle that such household goods motor carrier intended to operate under authority of the Connecticut Department of Transportation in violation of Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-410.

The citation was served upon the respondent at 459 Iranistan Avenue, Bridgeport, Connecticut by first class and certified mail and recited the Department's reasons for issuing it.

B. Hearing Held

Pursuant to Section 13b-410 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, the public hearing for this citation was held on March 9, 2010.

Notice of the citation and the hearing to be held thereon was given to the respondent and to such other parties as required by Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-410, 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 Connecticut General Statutes.

C. Appearances

No one appeared on behalf of the respondent, P.J. Murphy Moving and Storage Co., Inc. The respondent's mailing address is 459 Iranistan Avenue, Bridgeport, Connecticut 06605.

Sheldon Lubin, a member of staff, presented the Department's case in this matter.

II. FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. The respondent is the holder of Certificate 274 in the name of P.J. Murphy Moving and Storage Co., Inc. and has been authorized to operate as a household goods motor carrier from a headquarters in Bridgeport.
- 2. On October 16, 2009, Sheldon Lubin sent a letter to the respondent asking for intrastate permit fees to be paid by December 31, 2009.

- 3. On December 31, 2009, the certificate holder failed to file a 2010 annual intrastate permit fee for each vehicle that such household goods motor carrier intended to operate under authority of the Connecticut Department of Transportation in violation of Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-410.
- 4. A Notice of Hearing was sent to the respondent at 459 Iranistan Avenue, Bridgeport, Connecticut.
 - 5. The respondent did not appear at the hearing.

Ш. DEPARTMENT ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Department of Transportation has jurisdiction over matters pertaining to the operation of household goods carriers in the State of Connecticut accordance with Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-407, as amended.

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-410, 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-389 through 13b-415, as amended, with respect to fares, service, operation or equipment, in an amount not to exceed one hundred dollars per day for each violation.

The Department has given the respondent an opportunity to appear to answer the allegations that the respondent failed to file its 2010 intrastate permit fee. The respondent failed to appear at the hearing. Since the respondent failed to appear, the Department has no choice but to revoke respondent's certificate.

IV. **ORDER**

Based on the above, Certificate Number 274, standing in the name of P. J. Murphy Moving and Storage Co., Inc. is hereby revoked. The revocation shall become effective fifteen (15) days from the date of this final decision.

This final decision constitutes notice in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes Section 4-182(c).

Dated at Newington, Connecticut on this the 25th day of March 2010.

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