

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



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DOCKET NUMBER 1204-C-54-T

RE: IN THE MATTER OF THE CITATION OF TRANSPORTATION GENERAL D.B.A. METRO TAXI

Final Decision

October 25, 2012

I. INTRODUCTION

A. General

By citation dated August 30, 2013, by the Department of Transportation (hereinafter "department"), pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-97, as amended, Transportation General d.b.a. Metro Taxi (hereinafter "respondent"), holder of Certificate Number 86, 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 86, issued for the operation of taxicab service, should not be suspended or revoked or a civil penalty imposed for violation of its certificate pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-97, et seq.

More specifically, it is alleged that the respondent violated Connecticut General Statute Sections:

- 1. 13b-96 (4 instances) for failure to have a trip record in the vehicle.
- 2. 13b-96-32 (8 instances) for failure to display driver ID.
- 3. 13b-96-43(b)(2) (1 instance) for failure to keep inside vehicle clean.

The citation was served upon the respondent by first class and certified mail and recited the department's reasons for issuing it.

B. Hearing Held

Pursuant to Section 13b-103 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, the public hearing for this citation was held on May 10, and October 23, 2012.

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-96, 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

William Scalzi appeared on behalf of the respondent. His mailing address is 65 Industry Drive, West Haven, Connecticut 06516.

Dennis King, Manager of Regulatory & Compliance Unit, testified in this matter.

Eugene Morris, Transportation Public Transit Inspector with the Regulatory and Compliance Unit, presented evidence on behalf of the department.

II. FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. The respondent is the holder of Taxicab Certificate 86 in the name of Transportation General d.b.a. Metro Taxi.
 - 2. The respondent has agreed to a stipulated judgment regarding its violations.
- 3. The respondent will pay a civil penalty of \$2,600 for failure to maintain a clean vehicle (1 occasion), failure to have driver ID's posted (8 occasions) and failure to have trip records in the vehicles (4 occasions).

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4. The department will not hold this citation hearing and stipulation against the respondent.

III. CONCLUSION

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-97, 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-96, 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 respondent has violated several sections of the Connecticut General Statutes as enumerated above. The respondent has reached an agreement with the Regulatory and Compliance Unit that it will pay a \$2,600 civil penalty.

IV. ORDER

Based on the above, the respondent is hereby ordered to pay to the Department of Transportation, a civil penalty in the amount of TWO THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$2,600), by certified check, bank check or money order made payable to the "Treasurer, State of Connecticut," within THIRTY (30) days from the date of this final decision.

Failure of the respondent to comply with this order shall result in revocation without further proceeding.

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 October 2012.

CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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