

## STATE OF CONNECTICUT

### DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



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#### **DOCKET NO. 1210-N-147-HG**

RE: APPLICATION OF JETTE ENTERPRISES, LLC TO OPERATE MOTOR VEHICLES IN THE TRANSPORTATION OF HOUSEHOLD GOODS FOR HIRE, AS A HOUSEHOLD GOODS CARRIER, OVER IRREGULAR ROUTES BETWEEN ALL POINTS IN CONNECTICUT UPON CALLS RECEIVED FROM A HEADQUARTERS IN KILLINGWORTH.

FINAL DECISION

April 2, 2013

#### I. INTRODUCTION

#### A. Applicant's Proposal

By application filed on October 23, 2012, pursuant to Section 13b-389 of the Connecticut General Statutes, and assigned Docket No. 1210-N-147-HG, Jette Enterprises, LLC (hereinafter "applicant"), with a mailing address of 7 Burr Hill Road, Killingworth, Connecticut 06419 seeks authorization from the Connecticut Department of Transportation (hereinafter "department") to operate motor vehicles in the transportation of household goods for hire, as a household goods carrier, over irregular routes between all points in Connecticut from a headquarters in Killingworth.

#### B. Hearing Held

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-390, a hearing on this application was held at the administrative office of the Department, in Newington, Connecticut, on March 26, 2013.

Notice of the application and of the hearing to be held thereon was given to the applicant and to other parties as required by Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-390. Notice to the public was given by publication on the department's website.

The matter was heard by a hearing officer designated by the Commissioner of Transportation pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-17.

#### C. Appearances

William Jette appeared pro se on behalf of the applicant. The applicant's mailing address is 7 Burr Hill Road, Killingworth, Connecticut 06419.

#### II. FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. The applicant seeks authorization to transport household goods from a headquarters in Killingworth.
- 2. Mr. Jette has gained experience in the moving business after having worked for a storage facility and helping people with residential moves.
- 3. The applicant intends to focus its attention on small household moves. He will keep his prices low and is hoping to be more competitively priced than the big moving companies.

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- 4. Mr. Jette has a breach of peace conviction from 2001 for which he received a conditional discharge and a couple of minor old criminal convictions.
- 5. The applicant will operate a 2006 GMC 3500 van. The fair market value of this vehicle is \$14,900. The applicant has \$13,000 in Peoples Bank and is able to get a loan for \$12,000 from his mother. The annual insurance premium cost is \$3,342 and the cost of the other expenses necessary to operate the business for the first six months are \$2,400.
- 6. The applicant presented the testimony of Eddie Walker who will utilize the applicant for eviction work to remove items from apartments so that they can be placed in storage. Mr. Walker would be able to refer business to the applicant every day as his job involves residential clean outs.
- 7. Eva Roehol testified that she moved last October to Killingworth and did not like Murphy's Moving whom she hired. She had some damage done during the moving process and they did not address her complaints.
  - 8. There are no movers headquartered in Killingworth.

#### III. DEPARTMENT ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Department of Transportation has jurisdiction over any person operating any motor vehicle in the transportation of household goods for hire as a household goods carrier pursuant to Section 13b-389 of the Connecticut General Statutes. Further, no person shall operate as a household goods carrier, within Connecticut, without first obtaining a certificate of public convenience and necessity to so operate.

In determining whether such a certificate shall be granted, the Commissioner of Transportation shall take into consideration the existing motor transportation facilities and the effect upon them of granting such a certificate, the public need for the proposed service, the suitability of the applicant, the financial responsibility of the applicant, the ability of the applicant efficiently to perform the service for which the authority is requested, the condition of and effect upon the highways involved and the safety of the public using such highways, pursuant to Section 13b-392 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

The first criterion to be taken into account is the effect on the existing motor carrier facilities by granting the certificate. This application was not opposed by any existing motor carrier. Since the application was not opposed at the hearing, it appears that there would not be any effect on the existing motor carrier facilities if this application were granted.

The next criterion that the applicant must prove is the public convenience and necessity for the proposed service. The applicant presented the testimony of two witnesses one of which

Jette Enterprises, LLC Docket No. 1210-N-147-HG Page 3 can easily refer business to the applicant. The other witnesses used the applicant to help her move in the past. On her most recent move, she chose a larger moving company that she felt charged a lot and was not responsive to her complaints about damage they did to her property. Based on the evidence presented, the applicant has proven public convenience and necessity.

As far as the applicant's financial ability is concerned, the applicant presented evidence that the applicant's cost include insurance of \$3,342. Other additional costs such as property tax and repairs and maintenance will cost \$2,400 for six months. The applicant has \$13,000 in Peoples Bank and is able to get a loan for \$12,000 from his mother. The applicant has sufficient funds to cover a six month start-up period.

The applicant submitted a criminal record check for William Jette which shows a few old convictions over ten years old. Mr. Jette has experience in the moving business and is familiar with the rules and regulations. Based on the evidence presented, the applicant is suitable to operate the proposed service.

The applicant has experience in the moving and storage business and will be able to efficiently handle the small moves he is seeking. The applicant will be utilizing one van which will have a minimal effect on the highways.

Based upon the evidence presented, the applicant has proven all of the necessary elements to be granted a certificate.

#### IV. ORDER

Based upon the above and pursuant to Section 13b-391 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the application of Jette Enterprises, LLC is hereby granted and Certificate Number 1771 is issued as follows:

# CERTIFICATE NUMBER 1771 TO OPERATE MOTOR VEHICLES FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF PROPERTY FOR HIRE AS A MOTOR COMMON CARRIER

Jette Enterprises, LLC is hereby permitted and authorized, subject to such regulations and conditions as the department may from time to time prescribe, to transport property for hire as a motor common carrier over irregular routes as follows:

Household goods, within the State of Connecticut, between all points upon calls received at its headquarters in Killingworth.

The certificate holder must accept and transport property, as herein authorized in accordance with its tariff on file, for all persons who desire the service to the extent of the

Jette Enterprises, LLC Docket No. 1210-N-147-HG Page 4 certificate holder's facilities at uniform rate for all similar service.

#### CONDITIONS:

A motor vehicle must be registered under this certificate within thirty (30) days from the date of this decision.

There shall be carried in each vehicle operated under this authority a copy of the certificate registration receipt by the department.

This certificate shall remain in effect until suspended, amended or revoked by the department. Failure of the certificate holder to maintain proper insurance or to comply with all motor vehicle laws and other pertinent State statutes and/or the rules, regulations and orders of the department shall be considered sufficient cause to revoke said certificate.

This certificate may not be sold or transferred until it has been operational for more than twenty-four (24) months.

This certificate is transferable only with the approval of the department and is issued subject to compliance by the holder thereof with all motor vehicle laws of the State of Connecticut, and with such rules regulations and orders as this department may from time to time prescribe.

Dated at Newington, Connecticut on this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April 2013.

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