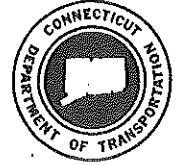




STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



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DOCKET NO. 1407-NGOV-135-L

RE: APPLICATION OF PIGGYBACK RIDES, LLC TO OPERATE SEVEN (7) MOTOR VEHICLES, HAVING A SEATING CAPACITY OF ELEVEN (11) ADULTS OR LESS, FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF PASSENGERS FOR HIRE BY VIRTUE OF A CONTRACT WITH, OR A LOWER TIER CONTRACT FOR ANY FEDERAL, STATE OR MUNICIPAL AGENCY BETWEEN ALL POINTS IN CONNECTICUT FROM A HEADQUARTERS IN HAMDEN.

FINAL DECISION

November 6, 2014

I. INTRODUCTION

A. APPLICATION

By application filed on July 29, 2014, with the Department of Transportation (hereinafter "department"), pursuant to Section 13b-103 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, Piggyback Rides, LLC (hereinafter "applicant") located at 60 Connelly Parkway, Building 11A, Room 201, Connecticut seeks authorization to operate seven (7) motor vehicles, each having a seating capacity of eleven (11) adults or less, for the transportation of passengers for hire by virtue of a contract with, or a lower tier contract for, any federal, state or municipal agency between all points in Connecticut from a headquarters in Hamden.

B. HEARING

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes, Section 13b-103(a) (3), as amended, a public hearing on this application was held on November 4, 2014. The hearing was originally scheduled for September 25, 2014 but was continued to a later date.

Notice of the application and of the hearing to be held thereon was given to the applicant and to such other parties as required pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-103(a)(1), as amended. Legal notice to the public was given by publication on the department's website.

A hearing officer designated by the Commissioner pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-17 conducted the hearing on this matter.

C. APPEARANCES

Jasmine Sampson and Tatiana Dukes appeared pro se on behalf of the applicant. The applicant's address is 60 Connelly Parkway, Building 11A, Room 201, Hamden, Connecticut 06514.

II. FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The applicant is seeking to perform contract work to provide livery trips for the Department of Children and Families (hereinafter "agency"). The applicant currently does not hold any livery authority.

2. The applicant has not yet submitted a signed executed contract with the Department of Children and Families to provide transportation services. The agency does not want to issue a contract unless the Department grants livery authority to the applicant. Once the applicant receives livery authority, the agency will execute a contract with the applicant within thirty (30) days.

3. Ann Adams, Director of Credentialing for the Department of Children and families testified in support of the applicant's request for authority for seven (7) livery vehicles to provide transportation for the agency under contract.

4. The seven (7) vehicles requested will service the New Haven area.

5. The applicant has been serving the Department of Children and Families since 2012, unaware that a livery authority was needed.

6. The applicant owns two (2) vehicles and has payments on the other five (5) vehicles.

7. The annual insurance premium for the vehicles is \$24,145.

8. The applicant's expenses for the next six months are property tax of \$650 and repairs and maintenance of \$1,000.

9. The applicant has cash of \$30,496 in the bank. From January 2014 to June 2014, the applicant had sales of \$290,911 and a net income of \$31,865 with total business assets of \$88,608. The cash and net income for six months totals \$51,841. The expenses for that same time period equal \$21,117, leaving a surplus of \$30,724.

III. DISCUSSION

The department has jurisdiction over each person, association, limited liability company or corporation owning or operating a motor vehicle in livery service, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-102, as amended.

In determining whether a livery permit should be granted, the department shall take into consideration the present or future public convenience and necessity. The applicant must prove that the public's convenience and necessity will be improved by the proposed service. Additionally, the applicant must show the suitability of the applicant or the suitability of the management if the applicant is a limited liability company or corporation, the financial responsibility of the applicant, the ability of the applicant efficiently and properly to perform the service for which authority is requested and the fitness, willingness and ability of the applicant to conform to the provisions of the statutes and the requirements and regulations of the department thereunder, in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-103.

To show financial support, the applicant submitted information showing that the annual insurance premium for the vehicles is \$24,145. The applicant's expenses for the next six months are property tax of \$650 and repairs and maintenance of \$1,000. The applicant has cash of \$30,496 in the bank.

From January 2014 to June 2014, the applicant had sales of \$290,911 and a net income of \$31,865 with total business assets of \$88,608. The cash and net income for six months total \$51,841. The expenses for the same time period equal \$21,117, leaving a surplus of \$30,724. Based on the evidence presented, the applicant is financially viable to operate the proposed livery service.

Regarding the applicant's suitability, a criminal record check for both members of the LLC is on file and shows no convictions. The applicant has been performing work for the agency for two years and the agency is pleased with their services. The applicant has shown the requisite suitability to be granted a livery permit.

The final element that needs to be proven is that there is an executed contract with the Department of Children and Families. There was witness testimony from Ann Adams as to the need for this livery service and the fact that an executed contract will be forthcoming once the department grants this livery application. Based on the evidence presented, the applicant will be granted the authority to operate the seven (7) vehicles requested.

The applicant must submit to the hearing officer an executed contract with the Department of Children and Families within forty-five (45) days from the date of this decision or the durational authority granted will be revoked automatically without further hearing.

VI. ORDER

Based upon the above and pursuant to Connecticut General Statute Section 13b-103, as amended, the application is hereby granted. Accordingly, Livery Permit Number 3461, standing in the name of Piggyback Rides, LLC hereby issued as follows:

LIVERY PERMIT NO. 3461

**DURATIONAL LIVERY SERVICE
UNDER CONTRACT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES
DOCKET NO. 1407-NGOV-135-L-GRANTED NOVEMBER 4, 2014**

Piggyback Rides, LLC is authorized to operate seven (7) motor vehicles, having a seating capacity of eleven (11) adults or less, for the provision of transportation for hire by virtue of a contract with the Department of Children and Families from a headquarters in Hamden.

RESTRICTIONS:

The applicant must submit an executed contract with the Department of Children and Families within forty-five (45) days of the date of this decision or the authority contained herein will be automatically revoked. This decision constitutes notice pursuant to Connecticut

herein will be automatically revoked. This decision constitutes notice pursuant to Connecticut General Statute Section 4-182.

The applicant must register and insure all of the motor vehicles granted in this docket within forty-five (45) days from the date of this final decision. Any vehicles not registered or insured within the forty-five (45) day period will be revoked.

The authority for the seven (7) vehicles granted in Docket No. 1407-NGOV-135-L, shall be durational in nature and shall exist only for the period of time that the permit holder has a current and continuing contract in effect for the provision of service with the Department of Children and Families.

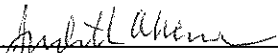
The permit holder shall notify the department of any termination of its contract with the Department of Children and Families or the cessation of the active provision of service there under. The permit holder shall file with the department on an annual basis, upon registration or re-registration of the motor vehicle authorized in this decision, a current, executed copy of the extension of said contract. Failure to file an extension of the contract, or a new executed contract shall void the authority for the vehicle authorized pursuant to this contract.

This permit is not transferable and shall remain in effect until revoked by the department or until the contract under which this authority is granted has expired. Failure of the permit holder to maintain proper insurance and/or comply with all pertinent motor vehicle laws and other State statutes and/or rules, regulations and orders of the department shall be considered sufficient cause to amend, suspend or revoke said permit.

A memorandum of this permit, bearing the seal of the department, shall be conspicuously posted in each motor vehicle operated under this permit.

Dated at Newington, Connecticut on this 6th day of November 2014.

CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



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