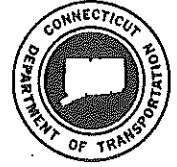




STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



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DOCKET NO. 1708-N-74-HG

RE: APPLICATION OF SOCO MOVING, 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 NEW
HAVEN

DECISION

October 11, 2017

I. INTRODUCTION

A. Applicant's Proposal

By application filed on August 8, 2017, pursuant to Section 13b-389 of the Connecticut General Statutes, and assigned Docket No. 1708-N-74-HG, SOCO Moving, LLC (hereinafter "applicant"), with a mailing address of 60 Belamose Avenue, Suite A-3, Rocky Hill, CT 06067 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 New Haven.

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 September 28, 2017.

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

Doug Sudell pro se appeared on behalf of the applicant. The applicant's mailing address is 60 Belamose Avenue, Suite A-3, Rocky Hill, CT 06067.

D. Name Change

The applicant wants to incorporate a trade name of TWO MEN AND A TRUCK. That trade name will be incorporated into this decision.

II. FINDING OF FACT

1. ~~The applicant is seeking to operate a household moving service from a headquarters in~~
New Haven.
2. Mr. Sudell has been operating another moving company in the Rocky Hill area since 2015.
3. The applicant is performing a lot of moves in the New Haven area.

4. When the applicant performs a move, he must charge deadhead mileage which adds an additional \$100 to the total bill.
5. The average move the applicant performs generates about \$900 in revenue.
6. The applicant's first six months of expenses includes insurance of \$22,760, maintenance of \$1,200, payroll of \$12,000, advertising of \$1,500, office rent of \$3,000, communication costs of \$600, truck payments of \$9,000 and other miscellaneous expenses of \$6,000 for a total expense of \$56,060.
7. The applicant has \$75,041 in the Farmington Bank.
8. The applicant will operate two 2014 Hino twenty-six foot box trucks.
9. Steven Menyfield is the office manager for the New Haven office. He will handle the daily operation of the business.
10. This application was not opposed.

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 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 criminal history of the applicant, 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 so it appears that there would not be any effect on the existing motor carrier facilities if this application were granted.

As far as the applicant's financial ability is concerned, the applicant presented evidence that the first six months of start-up costs includes insurance of \$22,760, maintenance of \$1,200, payroll of \$12,000, advertising of \$1,500, office rent of \$3,000, communication costs of \$600, truck payments of \$9,000 and other miscellaneous expenses of \$6,000 for a total expense of \$56,060.

The applicant has \$75,041 in a Farmington Bank. Based on the evidence presented, the applicant has more than sufficient funds to cover the first six months of expenses.

The applicant submitted a criminal record check for Doug Sudell which shows no criminal record. Mr. Sudell has operated another moving company since 2015. Based on reviews from the Better Business Bureau, the applicant has been performing a good moving service. Mr. Sudell's other company also does not have any citation actions against it. Based on the evidence presented, the applicant is suitable to handle this proposed operation.

Also to be considered is the ability of the applicant to efficiently perform the service for which the authority is requested and the condition of and effect upon the highways involved and the safety of the public using such highways. The applicant will operate two box trucks on the roads in Connecticut. These vehicles will not have any significant effect on the highways. In addition to that, the applicant is an experienced mover and has already been operating for several years, so he will be able to efficiently perform the moving service. The public will also benefit in that customers in the New Haven area will not have to pay dead head mileage anymore.

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

IV. ORDER

Based upon the above and pursuant to Section 13b-391 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the application of SOCO Moving, LLC dba TWO MEN AND A TRUCK is hereby granted and Certificate Number HG-1792 is issued as follows:

CERTIFICATE NUMBER HG-1792
TO OPERATE MOTOR VEHICLES FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF PROPERTY
FOR HIRE AS A MOTOR COMMON CARRIER

SOCO Moving, LLC dba TWO MEN AND A TRUCK 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 New Haven.

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 certificate holder's facilities at uniform rate for all similar service.

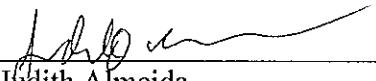
There shall be carried in each vehicle operated under this authority a copy of the certificate registration receipt by the department.

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 11th day of October, 2017.

CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



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