

# STATE OF CONNECTICUT

# DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



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# DOCKET NO. 1805-NGOV-76-L

RE: APPLICATION OF CARE ACCESS, LLC TO OPERATE ONE (1) MOTOR VEHICLE, HAVING A SEATING CAPACITY OF LESS THAN ELEVEN (11) PASSENGERS, 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 WETHERSFIELD.

**DECISION** 

July 31, 2018

# I. INTRODUCTION

#### A. APPLICATION

By application filed on May 30, 2018, with the Department of Transportation (hereinafter "department"), pursuant to Section 13b-103 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, Care Access, LLC (hereinafter "applicant") with a mailing address of 303 Nott Street, Wethersfield, Connecticut 06109 seeks authorization to operate one (1) motor vehicle, having a passenger seating capacity of less than eleven (11) adults, 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 Wethersfield.

# B. HEARING

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-103, as amended, a public hearing on this application was held on July 26, 2018.

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, 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

Anzor Tatashadze appeared pro se on behalf of the applicant. The applicant's mailing address 303 Nott Street, Wethersfield, Connecticut 06109.

#### II. FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. The applicant seeks to operate one (1) motor vehicle under contract with the Veyo to provide non-emergency medical transportation.
- 2. Mr. Tatashadze operates a trucking company, A & I Express, LLC, which handles deliveries of materials and supplies from Home Depot.
  - 3. Mr. Tatashadze's father will be the sole driver for the business.
- 4. Mr. Tatashadze will handle the finances and vehicle maintenance while his manager, Mansur Numanov, will handle the day to day operation of the business.
  - 5. The applicant will be operating a 2003 Honda Civic which is fully paid for.

- 6. The applicant's first six months of expenses includes \$3,908 for insurance, \$50 for property tax, \$600 for maintenance and \$420 for communication.
  - 7. The applicant has \$13,064 in a TD Bank account.
- 8. Nick Sejerman, a Supply Supervisor, with Veyo testified in support of the application. Veyo will use the applicant's livery service in Windham and New London. Veyo anticipates giving the applicant about sixteen (16) to twenty (20) trips per day.
  - 9. This application is not opposed.

# 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 presented evidence that the first six months of expenses includes \$600 for repairs, \$3,908 for insurance, \$50 for property tax and \$420 for communication for a total cost of \$4,978. The applicant has \$13,064 in the bank which will cover these expenses.

Regarding the applicant's suitability a criminal record check was performed for Anzor Tatashadze, the only member of the LLC, and his record was clear. Mr. Tatashadze has been operating his own materials delivery service for some time. He has the experience to operate the proposed one car livery operation.

On the issue of public convenience and necessity, the applicant presented Mr. Sejerman who testified that Veyo can use the applicant's service in New London and Windham. Veyo anticipates giving the applicant sixteen (16) to twenty (20) trips per day. Based on all of the evidence presented, the applicant will be granted one (1) governmental livery permit for Veyo.

# IV. ORDER

as amended, the application is hereby granted. Accordingly, Livery Permit Number 3638 standing in the name of Care Access, LLC is hereby approved and is issued as follows:

#### LIVERY PERMIT NO. 3638

# DURATIONAL LIVERY SERVICE UNDER CONTRACT WITH VEYO DOCKET NO. 1805-NGOV-76-L-GRANTED ON JULY 31, 2018

Care Access, LLC is authorized to operate one (1) motor vehicle, having a seating capacity of less than eleven (11) passengers, for the provision of transportation for hire by virtue of a contract with Veyo from a headquarters in Wethersfield.

# **RESTRICTIONS:**

The applicant must register and insure the one (1) motor vehicle granted in this docket within sixty (60) days from the date of this decision. If these vehicles are not registered or insured within the sixty (60) day period, the permit will be revoked automatically.

The authority for the one (1) vehicle granted in Docket No. 1805-NGOV-76-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 Veyo.

The permit holder shall notify the department of any termination of its contract with Veyo or the cessation of the active provision of service thereunder. The permit holder shall file with the department on an annual basis, upon registration or re-registration of the motor vehicles 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 vehicles 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 July 31, 2018.

CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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